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verb

1 **CONNECT/ATTACH**[transitive] to fasten or connect one object to another

SYN fix:

attach something to something

*Attach a recent photograph to your application form.
a small battery attached to a little loudspeaker*

the attached form/cheque/leaflet etc

Please fill in and return the attached reply slip.

2 **LIKE****be attached to somebody/something** **LIKE** SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING

to like someone or something very much, because you have known them or had them for a long time:

It's easy to become attached to the children you work with.

3 **attach importance/significance etc to something** **BELIEVE**

to believe that something is important:

People attach too much importance to economic forecasts.

4 **BLAME**[intransitive and transitive] if blame attaches or is attached to someone, they are responsible for something bad that happens:

No blame can be attached to Roy for the incident.

5 **FEELING/QUALITY**[intransitive and transitive] **CONNECTED WITH** if a quality, feeling, idea etc attaches or is attached to a person, thing, or event, it is connected with them:

attach to

It's easy to let the emotions attached to one situation spill over into others.

6 **ORGANIZATION/COMPANY****be attached to something**

a) WORK FOR SOMEBODY

to work for part of a particular organization, especially for a short period of time:

He was attached to the foreign affairs department of a Japanese newspaper.

b) PART

to be part of a bigger organization:

The Food Ministry is attached to the Ministry of Agriculture.

7 [transitive] to connect a document or FILE to an email so that you can send them together → **attachment**

8 attach yourself to somebody

to join someone and spend a lot of time with them, often without being invited or welcome:

A young man from Canada had attached himself to Sam.

9 attach a condition (to something)

to allow something to happen, but only if someone agrees to do a particular thing or accept a particular idea:

When approving a merger, the commission can attach conditions.

10 attach a label to somebody/something

to think of or describe someone or something as being a particular thing, especially in a very general way:

You can't really attach a label to this type of art.

Word origin

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Origin: *atachier*, *estachier*, from *estache* 'sharp post'