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verb [transitive]

1 TRY TO DO OR GET SOMETHING to try to do something, especially something difficult:

attempt to do something

In this chapter I will attempt to explain what led up to the revolution.

Weather conditions prevented them from attempting the jump.

2 attempted murder/suicide/rape etc

an act of trying to kill or harm someone, kill yourself etc:

He pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Latin

Origin: *attemptare*, from *ad-* 'to' + *temptare* 'to touch, try'

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