

# at·trac·tion W3

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noun

- 1 [uncountable and countable] ATTRACT a feeling of liking someone, especially in a sexual way:

*The attraction between them was almost immediate.*

- 2 [countable] INTERESTING something interesting or enjoyable to see or do:

*The beautiful beaches are the island's **main attraction** (= most popular place, activity etc) .*

**tourist attraction** (= a place that many tourists visit)

- 3 [uncountable and countable] ADVANTAGE a feature or quality that makes something seem interesting or enjoyable:

**attraction of**

*Being your own boss is one of the attractions of owning your own business.*

- 4 [uncountable and countable] (technical) a force which makes things move together or stay together:

*the **gravitational attraction** between the Earth and the Moon*

## COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 2

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + attraction

the main attraction *The lovely countryside is obviously the main attraction for visitors.*

the star attraction (= someone or something that many people want to see) *The former President was the star attraction of the conference.*

a popular attraction *The zoo is by far the most popular attraction.*

a big/ major attraction *The ducks and geese are a big attraction to children.*

a special attraction *A special attraction is the tropical greenhouse.*

a tourist attraction *The British Museum is one of London's most popular tourist attractions.*

a visitor attraction *The park will be a new visitor attraction for the town.*

## verbs

be/ become/ prove an attraction *The organisers hope the event will become an annual attraction.*

## THESAURUS – Meaning 3

attraction **noun** [uncountable and countable] a feature or quality that makes people like, want, or feel interested in something: *The excitement is part of the attraction of the job. | For many mothers, the attraction of childcare in the workplace is the chance to be near their children. | The idea of living in another country does have a certain attraction.*

appeal **noun** [uncountable and countable] a quality that makes people like something or someone: *Much of Corfu's appeal lies in its lively night life. | I don't understand the appeal of this kind of music.*

the lure of something **noun** [singular] a very attractive quality that makes you want something very much – often used about something that has a bad effect or influence: *It's hard to resist the lure of credit cards and easy money. | The lure of urban life is especially powerful for the young.*

charm **noun** [uncountable and countable] a pleasant quality that someone or something has that makes people like them, feel attracted to them, or be influenced by them: *He was physically attractive and possessed considerable personal charm. | The*

*book captures Savannah's old Southern charm perfectly.*

**glamour** **noun** [uncountable] the attractive and exciting quality that is connected with wealth and success: *the glamour of Monte Carlo | Hollywood glamour | The world of modelling is famous for its glitz and glamour.*

**draw** **noun** [singular] something that makes people want to do something or go somewhere: *The money is a big draw for many players. | The island's main draw is its wonderful beaches.*

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