

verb, intrans. or v.i.:

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verb [intrans.]

reach a place at the end of a journey or a stage in a journey : *we arrived at his house and knocked at the door* | *the team arrived in New Delhi on July 30* | *they had recently arrived from Turkey.*

- (of a thing) be brought or delivered : *the invitation arrived a few days later.*
- (**arrive at**) reach (a conclusion or decision) : *they arrived at the same conclusion.*
- (of an event or a particular moment) happen or come : *we will be in touch with them when the time arrives.*
- (of a new development or product) come into existence or use : *microcomputers arrived at the start of the 1970s.*
- (of a baby) be born : *he will feel jealous when a new baby arrives.*
- informal achieve success or recognition.

ORIGIN Middle English (in the sense [reach the shore after a voyage]): from Old French *ariver*, based on Latin *ad-* 'to' + *ripa* 'shore.'

The abbreviation *intrans.* tells us that *arrive* is an action verb that does not take a direct object, so you can *arrive suddenly*, but you cannot *arrive the dog*. This entry does not give any instructions for verb forms, which means that the verb is regular: *arrive, arrived, have arrived, is arriving*.

adverb or adv.:

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adverb

1 in, at, or to that place or position : *we went on to Paris and stayed there eleven days* | [after prep.] *I'm not going in there—it's freezing* | figurative *the opportunity is right there in front of you.*

- used when pointing or gesturing to indicate the place in mind : *there on the right* | *if anyone wants out, there's the door!*
- at that point (in speech, performance, writing, etc.) : *"I'm quite—" There she stopped.*
- in that respect; on that issue : *I don't agree with you there.*
- [with infinitive] used to indicate one's role in a particular situation : *at the end of the day, we are there to make money.*

2 used in attracting someone's attention or calling attention to someone or something : *hello there!* | *there goes the phone.*

3 (usu. **there is/are**) used to indicate the fact or existence of something : *there's a restaurant around the corner* | *there comes a point where you give up.*

This means that *there* is usually an adverb. Notice the third definition, in which *there* is used to indicate existence; this means that *there* can go with a being verb, usually at the beginning of a sentence, to show that something exists: *There once were three elves*. Many, if not most, words can act as various parts of speech, depending upon how they are used. *Very* can be an adverb, as in *swam very slowly*, or it can be an adjective, as in *the very beginning*. Some words, such as *like*, are particularly gymnastic:

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preposition

- 1 having the same characteristics or qualities as; similar to : *there were other suits like mine in the shop* | *they were like brothers* | *she looked nothing like Audrey Hepburn.*
 - in the manner of; in the same way or to the same degree as : *he was screaming like a banshee* | *you must run like the wind.*
 - in a way appropriate to : *students were angry at being treated like children.*
 - such as one might expect from; characteristic of : *just like you to put a damper on people's enjoyment.*
 - used in questions to ask about the characteristics or nature of someone or something : *What is it like to be a tuna fisherman?* | *What's she like?*
- 2 used to draw attention to the nature of an action or event : *I apologize for coming over unannounced like this* | *why are you talking about me like that?*
- 3 such as; for example : *the cautionary vision of works like Animal Farm and 1984.*

conjunction informal

- 1 in the same way that; as : *people who change countries like they change clothes.*
- 2 as though; as if : *I felt like I'd been kicked by a camel.*

noun

- used with reference to a person or thing of the same kind as another : *the quotations could be arranged to put like with like* | *I know him—him and his like.*
- (**the like**) a thing or things of the same kind (often used to express surprise or for emphasis) : *did you ever hear the like?* | *a church interior the like of which he had never seen before.*

adjective

- (of a person or thing) having similar qualities or characteristics to another person or thing : *I responded in like manner* | *the grouping of children of like ability together.*
- (of a portrait or other image) having a faithful resemblance to the original : *"Who painted the dog's picture? It's very like."*

adverb

- 1 informal used in speech as a meaningless filler or to signify the speaker's uncertainty about an expression just used : *there was this funny smell—sort of dusty like.*
- 2 informal used to convey a person's reported attitude or feelings in the form of direct speech (whether or not representing an actual quotation) : *so she comes into the room and she's like "Where is everybody?"*
- 3 (**like as/to**) archaic in the manner of : *like as a ship with dreadful storm long tossed.*

like²

verb [trans.]

- 1 find agreeable, enjoyable, or satisfactory : *I like all Angela Carter's stories* | *people who don't like reading books* | *I like to be the center of attention.*
- 2 wish for; want : *would you like a cup of coffee?* | *I'd like to rent a car* | *I'd like you to stay* | [intrans.] *we would like for you to work for us.*
 - (**would like to do something**) used as a polite formula : *we would like to apologize for the late running of this service.*
 - (**not like doing/to do something**) feel reluctant to do something : *I don't like leaving her on her own too long.*
 - choose to have (something); prefer : *how do you like your coffee?*
 - [in questions] feel about or regard (something) : *how would you like it if it happened to you?*

noun (**likes**)

the things one likes or prefers : *a wide variety of likes, dislikes, tastes, and income levels.*