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<sup>1</sup>**paint**  *verb* \ˈpānt\  


### Definition of PAINT

*transitive verb*

- 1 **a** (1) : to apply color, pigment, or paint to (2) : to color with a cosmetic
  - b** (1) : to apply with a movement resembling that used in painting (2) : to treat with a liquid by brushing or swabbing <*paint* the wound with iodine>
- 2 **a** (1) : to produce in lines and colors on a surface by applying pigments (2) : to depict by such lines and colors
  - b** : to decorate, adorn, or variegate by applying lines and colors
  - c** : to produce or evoke as if by painting <*paints* glowing pictures of the farm>
- 3 : to touch up or cover over by or as if by painting
- 4 : to depict as having specified or implied characteristics <*paints* them whiter than the evidence justifies — Oliver La Farge>

*intransitive verb*

- 1 : to practice the art of painting
  - 2 : to use cosmetics
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### Examples of PAINT

I need to *paint* the bookcase.

We're going to *paint* the room yellow.

The classroom wall was *paint*ed with clouds and rainbows.

He *paint*ed that portrait of his wife.

She *paint*ed the landscape on a square canvas.



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The beauty of the world inspires me to *paint*.

He *paints* mostly in oils.

The study *paints* a bleak picture of the effects of pollution on animal life.



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#### Origin of PAINT

Middle English, from Anglo-French *paint*, *peint*, past participle of *peindre*, from Latin *pingere* to tattoo, embroider, paint; akin to Old English *fāh* variegated, Greek *poikilos* variegated, *pikros* sharp, bitter

First Known Use: 13th century

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