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Definition of affiliate

(Entry 1 of 2)

transitive verb

1a: to bring or receive into close connection as a member or branch The medical school is *affiliated* with a hospital.

b: to associate as a member affiliates herself with the local club

2: to trace the origin of *affiliated* Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to earlier plays

intransitive verb

: to connect or associate oneself : combine refused to affiliate with any political party

affiliate

noun

af·fil·i·ate | \ ə-ˈfi-lē-ət , - āt\

Definition of affiliate (Entry 2 of 2)

: an <u>affiliated</u> person or organization the network's local affiliates



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Synonyms for affiliate

Synonyms: Noun

- branch,
- cell,
- <u>chapter</u>,
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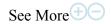
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Verb Their group does not *affiliate itself* with any political party. Noun Two of the company's regional *affiliates* lost money in the past year.

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First Known Use of affiliate

Verb

1767, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1a

Noun

1793, in the meaning defined above

History and Etymology for affiliate

Verb

probably from French *affilier* "to bring into close connection" (going back to Middle French, "to adopt as a son," borrowed from Medieval Latin *affīliāre*, from Latin *ad-* <u>ad-</u> + -*fīliāre*, verbal derivative of *fīlius* "son") + <u>-ate entry</u> 4 — more at <u>feminine entry 1</u>

Noun

derivative of <u>affiliate entry 1</u>

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English Language Learners Definition of affiliate

(Entry 1 of 2)

: to closely connect (something or yourself) with or to something (such as a program or organization) as a member or partner

affiliate





English Language Learners Definition of *affiliate* (Entry 2 of 2)

: an organization (such as a television station) that is a member of a larger organization (such as a national network)

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verb

Kids Definition of affiliate

: to associate as a member or partner The spokesperson has long been *affiliated* with the charity.

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<u>verb</u>

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Legal Definition of affiliate

(Entry 1 of 2)

transitive verb

1: to bring or receive into close association as a member or division

2: to join or associate as a member or division

intransitive verb

: to connect or associate oneself —usually used with with has just affiliated with the huge corporation

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Legal Definition of affiliate (Entry 2 of 2)

: an affiliated person or organization specifically : a business entity effectively controlling or controlled by another or associated with others under common ownership or control — compare <u>parent sense 2</u>, <u>subsidiary</u>

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drives some people nuts.

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