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affiliated; affiliating

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-ˈfī-lē-ət  , - , āt\

Definition of *affiliate* (Entry 2 of 2)

: an [affiliated](#) person or organization the network's local affiliates

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Synonyms for *affiliate*

Synonyms: Noun

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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 *affiliāre*, from Latin *ad-* [ad-](#) + *-filiāre*, verbal derivative of *filius* "son") + [-ate entry 4](#) — more at [feminine entry 1](#)

Noun

derivative of [affiliate entry 1](#)

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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


[noun](#)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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affiliate

[verb](#)


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Kids Definition of *affiliate*

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

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[verb](#)

af·fil·i·ate | \ ə-ˈfī-lē-, āt  \
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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

Other Words from *affiliate*

affiliation | \ ə-, fī-lē-ˈā-shən  \ noun

affiliate

[noun](#)

af·fil·i·ate | \ ə-ˈfī-lē-ət  \

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 [parent sense 2](#), [subsidiary](#).

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Casting Light on 'Angel'

A word for a messenger (hopefully bringing good news).

- **Words We're Watching:**
'Lewk'

Feeling cute, might delete later.

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How to remember which is which

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'Groceries'?

Is there one standard way?

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How to use a word that (literally)
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