

to aTRACT	verb	to draw physically towards one or by appeal to natural or excited interest, emotion or aesthetic sense	<i>Working for the U.N. doesn't attract me at all. This museum attracts many visitors in July.</i>
atTRACTed	adj	pulled towards something : <i>I was attracted to him by his sense of humour.</i>	
an atTRACTion	noun	something which is attractive : <i>There was an instant attraction between us.</i>	
to conTRACT	verb	1) to get smaller (i.e. "pull itself together") : <i>Iron contracts when it is cooled.</i> 2) to get a disease : <i>He contracted ebola while in The Congo.</i>	CLICK HERE FOR A PDF VERSION
a conTRACTion	noun	1) a reduction in size/volume 2) what a female experiences as she is about to give birth	
a CONtract	noun	a legally-binding document	
conTRACTual	adj	legally bound: <i>We have a contractual obligation to carry out the work.</i>	
conTRACTed	adj	ditto	
to deTRACT from	verb	to take away from, but NOT in a calculation : <i>His scruffy hair detracts from his appearance.</i>	
a deTRACTor	noun	a person who says something negative about someone : <i>He's a good man; don't listen to his detractors!</i>	
to disTRACT	verb	to disturb the concentration	
disTRACTing	adj	something disturbing your concentration: <i>Mobiles are extremely distracting if you are driving.</i>	
disTRACTed	adj	not concentrating / having one's attention disturbed	
a disTRACTion	noun	something diverting your attention: <i>I can't work at home; there are just too many distractions.</i>	
to exTRACT	verb	to take a part out of something smaller to remove a tooth : <i>Dentists EXTRACT teeth; they don't say "pull out"!</i>	
an EXtract	noun	a part of A taken from A for some special purpose: <i>The guest author read an extract from her new book.</i>	
an exTRACTion	noun	having a tooth pulled out: <i>I'm sorry, but you need three more extractions, Mr Snuggs</i>	
inTRACTable	adj	a (lasting) problem very hard to (re) solve or fix: <i>Bringing up the sunken cruise ship is going to be an intractable task.</i>	
to reTRACT	verb	to take back in or withdraw : <i>A plane retracts its undercarriage. Cats can retract their paws. He refused to retract his insulting remarks.</i>	
reTRACTable	adj	capable of being retracted : <i>A new arena with a retractable roof is planned.</i>	
to SUBtract	verb	to take away from, especially maths	
subTRACTion	noun	for example: $21-3 = 18$: <i>In Scrabble you need to subtract your remaining points.</i>	
TRACTion	noun	1) the action of drawing or pulling something over a surface, especially a road or track 2) the extent to which a product, idea, etc. gains popularity or acceptance : <i>I don't think your idea will gain traction in Asia.</i> 3) the application of a sustained pull on a limb or muscle, especially to maintain in position a fractured bone or to correct a deformity : <i>After his motorbike accident he spent three weeks in hospital in traction.</i>	
a TRACTor	noun	a motorised vehicle for pulling things on the farm	