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ar·ray | \ ə-'rā  \  
arrayed; arraying; arrays

Essential Meaning of *array*

formal

- 1 : to place (a group of things) in a particular position so that they are in order or so that they look attractive
- 2 literary : to dress (someone, especially yourself) in fine clothing She *arrayed* herself in rich velvets and satins.
- 3 : to put (soldiers) in a place or position so that they are ready to attack They *arrayed* [=deployed] the troops along the hilltop.

## Full Definition of *array*

(Entry 1 of 2)

[transitive verb](#)

- 1 : to dress or decorate especially in splendid or impressive [attire](#) : [adorn](#) ... he had already arrayed himself in his best clothes.— Thomas Hardy
- 2a : to set or place in order : [draw up](#), [marshal](#) the forces arrayed against us
- b : to set or set forth in order (something, such as a jury) for the trial of a cause
- 3 : to [arrange](#) or display in or as if in an [array](#) The ... data are arrayed in descending order.— Ed Burnett

array

[noun](#)

Definition of *array* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : an [imposing](#) group : large number faced a whole array of problems also : [variety](#), [assortment](#) a broad array of styles

2a : a regular and [imposing](#) grouping or arrangement : [order](#) lined up ... in soldierly array— Donald Barthelme

b law : an orderly listing of jurors [impaneled](#)

3a : [clothing](#), [attire](#)

b : rich or beautiful [apparel](#) : [finery](#)

4 : a body of soldiers : [militia](#) the baron and his feudal array

5a(1) : a number of mathematical elements arranged in rows and columns

(2) : a [data structure](#) in which similar elements of data are arranged in a table

b : a series of statistical data arranged in classes in order of magnitude

6 : a group of elements forming a complete unit an antenna array

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Synonyms: Verb

- [adorn](#),
- [beautify](#),
- [bedeck](#),
- [bedizen](#),
- [blazon](#),
- [caparison](#),
- [deck](#),
- [decorate](#),
- [do](#),
- [do up](#),
- [doll up](#),
- [drape](#),
- [dress](#),
- [embellish](#),
- [emblaze](#),
- [emboss](#),
- [enrich](#),
- [fancify](#),
- [fancy up](#),
- [festoon](#),
- [garnish](#),
- [glitz \(up\)](#),
- [grace](#),

- [gussy up](#),
- [ornament](#),
- [pretty \(up\)](#),
- [trim](#)

Synonyms: Noun

- [assemblage](#),
- [band](#),
- [bank](#),
- [batch](#),
- [battery](#),
- [block](#),
- [bunch](#),
- [clot](#),
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- [cluster](#),
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Antonyms: Verb

- [blemish](#),
- [deface](#),
- [disfigure](#),
- [mar](#),
- [scar](#),
- [spoil](#)

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Verb She *arrayed* herself in rich velvets and satins. a door *arrayed* for the holidays with a beautiful evergreen wreath

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## First Known Use of *array*

Verb

13th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 2a](#)

## History and Etymology for *array*

Verb

Middle English *arayen*, *arrayen* "to put in order, prepare, marshal (troops), equip, adorn," borrowed from Anglo-French *arraier*, *arreyer*, *aroier* "to arrange, order, marshal, set in order (a jury, assize), equip, attire, adorn" (continental Old French *areer*), going back to Vulgar Latin *\*arrēdāre*, from Latin *ad-* [ad-](#) + Vulgar Latin *\*-rēdāre*, in *\*conrēdāre*, presumed adaptation of Gothic *garedan* "to make provisions" — more at [curry entry 1](#)

Note: The forms *arrai-*, *aroi-* presumably represent generalizations of the tonic stem of *areer*. The verb *\*arrēdāre* is common to most Romance languages: Old Occitan *arezar* "to put in order," Catalan *arrear* "to provide," Spanish, "to adorn, decorate," Italian *arredare* "to furnish, equip."

Noun

Middle English *aray*, *array*, *arraye* "preparation, arrangement, condition, line of soldiers, equipment, adornment," borrowed from Anglo-French *arraī*, *arraie* "order, arrangement, condition, ordered list of jurors, body of men, entourage, equipment," noun derivative of *arraier* "to order," [array entry 1](#)

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array

verb

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arrayed; arraying

## Kids Definition of *array*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : to place in order Soldiers *arrayed* themselves for review. The table was *arrayed* with all sorts of delicacies.
- 2 : to dress especially in fine or beautiful clothing He was *arrayed* like a prince.

array

noun

Kids Definition of *array* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : an impressive group You can choose from an *array* of colors.
- 2 : a group of persons (as soldiers) in a certain order


3 : fine or beautiful clothing They were dressed in magnificent *array*.

4 : regular order or arrangement

5 : a group of mathematical elements (as numbers or letters) arranged in rows and columns

array

transitive verb

ar·ray | \ ə-ˈrā  \

## Legal Definition of *array*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: to set (a jury) for trial specifically : to set (a jury) by calling out the names of the jurors one at a time — compare [impanel](#)

array

noun

Legal Definition of *array* (Entry 2 of 2)

: the group of people summoned to serve as jurors from which the jury will be chosen also : a list of the jurors' names — see also [challenge to the array](#) at [challenge](#) — compare [venire](#)

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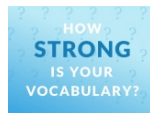
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