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applied



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[uh-plahyd]

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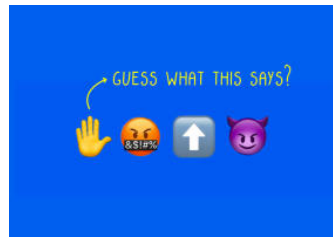
adjective

1. having a practical purpose or use; derived from or involved with actual phenomena (distinguished from [theoretical](#), opposed to [pure](#)):
applied mathematics; applied science.
2. of or relating to those arts or crafts that have a primarily utilitarian function, or to the designs and decorations used in these arts.

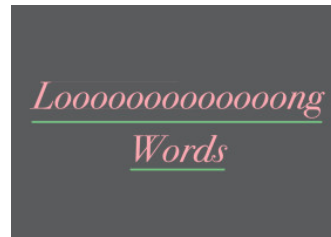
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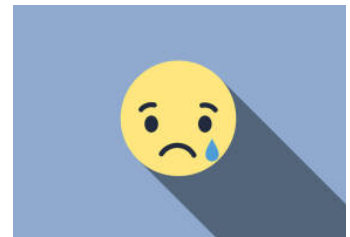
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Origin of applied

First recorded in 1490–1500; **apply** + **-ed**²

Related forms

un-ap-plied , adjective

well-ap-plied , adjective

apply

[*uh-plahy*]

verb (used with object), **ap-plied**, **ap-ply-ing**.

1. to make use of as relevant, suitable, or pertinent:
to apply a theory to a problem.
2. to put to use, especially for a particular purpose:
to apply pressure to open a door.
3. to bring into action; use; employ:
He applied the brakes and skidded to a stop.
4. to use a label or other designation:
Don't apply any such term to me.
5. to use for or assign to a specific purpose:
He applied a portion of his salary each week to savings.
6. to put into effect:
They applied the rules to new members only.
7. to devote or employ diligently or with close attention:
to apply one's mind to a problem; to apply oneself to a task.
8. to place in contact with; lay or spread on:
to apply paint to a wall; to apply a bandage to a wound.
9. to bring into physical contact with or close proximity to:
to apply a match to gunpowder.
10. to credit to, as an account:
to apply \$10 to his account at the store.

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verb (used without object), **ap·plied**, **ap·ply·ing**.

11. to be pertinent, suitable, or relevant:
The argument applies to the case. The theory doesn't apply.
12. to make an **application** or request; ask:
to apply for a job; to apply for a raise.
13. to lay or spread on:
The plastic coating is easy to apply on any surface.
14. to be placed or remain in contact:
This paint doesn't apply very easily.

Origin of apply

1350–1400; Middle English *ap(p)lien* < Anglo-French, Old French *ap(p)lier* < Latin *applicāre*, equivalent to *ap-* *ap*⁻¹ + *plicāre* to fold; see *ply*²

Related forms

ap·pli·a·ble , adjective

ap·pli·a·ble·ness , noun

ap·pli·a·bly , adverb

ap·pli·er , noun

pre·ap·ply , verb (used with object), **pre·ap·plied**, **pre·ap·ply·ing**.

re·ap·ply , verb, **re·ap·plied**, **re·ap·ply·ing**.

un·ap·pli·a·ble , adjective

un·ap·pli·a·bly , adverb

Synonyms for apply

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3. utilize. **5.** appropriate, allot, assign, dedicate. **12.** petition, sue, entreat.

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Related Words for applied

tested, enforced, practiced, devoted, related, adapted, adjusted, correlated, activated, exercised

Examples from the Web for applied

Contemporary Examples of applied

They should have pointed the nose of the Airbus down and *applied* more power.



Flight 8501 Poses Question: Are Modern Jets Too Automated to Fly?

Clive Irving

January 4, 2015

Elauf, who is Muslim, had *applied* for a job at an A&F store in Tulsa, Oklahoma when she was 17.



Muslims & Jews Unite vs. Abercrombie & Fitch

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December 16, 2014

The committee recommended a single—and simple—principle be *applied* to the law, that of consent.



The Castration of Alan Turing, Britain's Code-Breaking WWII Hero

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But Herx showed that this “gender-neutral” rule had never been *applied* against men.



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November 23, 2014

After Spahn had obtained the movie ranch, Ruby *applied* for a job there and was hired.



Gay Talese on Charlie Manson's Home on the Range

Gay Talese

October 31, 2014

Historical Examples of applied

I did not, sir, apply it to a gentleman; I *applied* it to Mr Chatterton.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, No. 327

Various

(a) Explain in full the meaning of stock as *applied* to soup.

Woman's Institute Library of Cookery, Vol. 3

Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences

They should be *applied* to the cake in the same way as icings.

Woman's Institute Library of Cookery, Vol. 4

A test that can be *applied* by the housewife is illustrated in Fig. 4.

Woman's Institute Library of Cookery, Vol. 5

Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences

As we go swiftly on we realize the appropriateness of the epithet ever *applied* to the Rhne.

The Roof of France

Matilda Betham-Edwards

British Dictionary definitions for applied

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adjective

1. related to or put to practical use : *applied mathematics* Compare pure (def. 5)

apply

verb **-plies, -plying** or **-plied**

1. (**tr**) to put to practical use; utilize; employ
2. (**intr**) to be relevant, useful, or appropriate
3. (**tr**) to cause to come into contact with; put onto
4. (**intr** often foll by *for*) to put in an application or request
5. (**tr** often foll by *to*) to devote (oneself, one's efforts) with diligence
6. (**tr**) to bring into operation or use : *the police only applied the law to aliens*
7. (**tr**) to refer (a word, epithet, etc) to a person or thing

Derived Forms

applier , noun

Word Origin for apply

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