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# detail 1 of 2 noun

de tail (di-'tāl ◄)) (dē-'tāl ◄))

Synonyms of detail >

- 1 : extended treatment of or attention to particular items explaining without going into *detail* giving careful attention to *detail*
- 2 : a part of a whole: such as
  - a : a small and subordinate part : PARTICULARplanned the wedding down to the smallest *detail*also : a reproduction of such a part of a work of art
  - **b**: a part considered or requiring to be considered separately from the whole discussing the *details* of the building's columns
  - **c**: the small elements that collectively constitute a work of art admire the great *detail* of his work
  - **d photography**: the small elements of an image corresponding to those of the subject

strong lighting to achieve clarity of detail

- **3** a : selection of a person or group for a particular task (as in military service)
  - b (1): the person or group selected

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    a member of apsequential desarrollada
    transformar
    police details at the parade



# detail 2 of 2 verb

## detailed; detailing; details

transitive verb

1 : to report minutely and distinctly: to report with close attention to small elements:

SPECIFY

detailed their grievances wrote a letter detailing her vacation

- 2 : to assign to a particular task
  was detailed to another unit during maneuvers
- **3** : to furnish with the smaller elements of design and finish trimmings that *detail* slips and petticoats
- 4 : to clean and refurbish (a vehicle) very thoroughly and meticulously detail a car

### intransitive verb

: to make detail drawings



### in detail

: with all the particulars explained the job *in detail* 

Noun

item particular

point

Verb

post station

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**ITEM** applies to each thing specified separately in a list or in a group of things that might be listed or enumerated.

every item on the list

**DETAIL** applies to one of the small component parts of a larger whole such as a task, building, painting, narration, or process.

leave the *details* to others

**PARTICULAR** stresses the smallness, singleness, and especially the concreteness of a detail or item.

a description that included few particulars

### Noun

Every *detail* of the wedding was carefully planned.

They designed every detail of the house.

the wooden box's fine carved detail

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- Jackie Appel, Popular Mechanics, 7 Apr. 2023

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# **Etymology**

### **Noun and Verb**

French *détail*, from Old French *detail* slice, piece, from *detaillier* to cut in pieces, from *de-* + *taillier* to cut — more at TAILOR

## First Known Use

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## **Time Traveler**

### The first known use of detail was in 1603

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down to the smallest/last/tiniest detail go into detail

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## detail

detail drawing

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# detail 1 of 2 noun

de·tail (di-ˈtā(ə)l ◄») (ˈdē-ˌtāl ◄»)

**1 a**: a dealing with something item by item go into *detail* about an event

**b**: a small part or feature: ITEM the *details* of a story

**2 a** : selection (as of a group of soldiers) for some special service

**b**: a soldier or group of soldiers appointed for special duty

# detail 2 of 2 verb

1 : to report in detail : SPECIFY detailed their complaints

2 : to assign to a task



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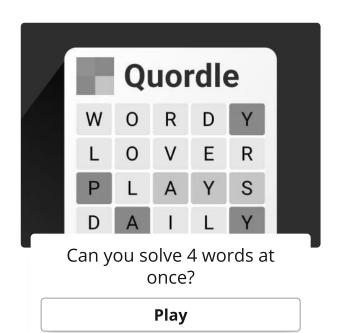
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One goose, two geese. One moose, two... moose. Wh...

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Both words imply motion, but the difference may b...

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