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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 : **PARTICULAR**
 planned 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
 a member of a security *detail*
 police *details* at the parade

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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



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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

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1 of 2 noun

de·tail

di-'tā(ə)l ◀▶

'dē-, tāl ◀▶

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

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2 of 2 verb

1 : to report in detail : **SPECIFY**

detailed their complaints

2 : to assign to a task



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Isn't Specific Enough

Absent Letters That Are Heard Anyway

When letters make sounds
that aren't associated w...



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Better Ways to Say "This Sucks"

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Weird Plurals

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

Irregardless

It is in fact a real word (but that doesn't mean ...

Bring vs. Take

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



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Defenestration

The fascinating story behind
many people's favori...

WORD GAMES

Famous Novels, Last Lines

Needless to say, spoiler alert.

TAKE THE QUIZ



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Farm Idioms Quiz

If you've got a pig in a poke -
what exactly is a...

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Spell It

Hear a word and type it out.
How many can you get...

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Spelling Bee Quiz

Can you outdo past winners
of the National Spelli...

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