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Main Entry: ¹**de·tail**

Pronunciation: di-'tA(&)l, 'dE-'tAl

Function: *noun*

Etymology: French *détail*, from Old French *detail* slice, piece, from *detaillier* to cut in pieces, from *de-* + *taillier* to cut -- more at [TAILOR](#)

1 : extended treatment of or attention to particular items

2 : a part of a whole: as **a** : a small and subordinate part : **PARTICULAR**; *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 **c** : the small elements that collectively constitute a work of art **d** : the small elements of a photographic image corresponding to those of the subject

3 a : selection of a person or group for a particular task (as in military service) **b** (1) : the person or group selected (2) : the task to be performed

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