

ATTEND

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ATTEND TO

To be present at an event or activity.



Everybody attended the meeting.

Examples:

- I've voiced my opinion at every meeting I've **attended**.
- Everyone in the office was expected to **attend**.
- Thousands of people **attended** the funeral.

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- The meeting will be **attended** by finance ministers from many countries.

To deal with something or someone.



Examples:

- Please take a seat and I'll ask someone to **attend to** you.
- There are more pressing matters to be **attended to** today.
- The staff will helpfully **attend to** your needs.
- Are you being **attended to**, Sir? (= for example, in a shop)

Typical mistakes - Mistaking one for the other.

- ✗ I was attended by extremely welcoming and efficient staff.
- ✓ I was **attended to** by extremely welcoming and efficient staff. (was dealt with)
- ✗ I attended to the classes/seminars/lectures for a month or two.
- ✓ I **attended** the lectures for a month or two. (I was present)