

**captivate**

[ˈkæptɪveɪt] *v*

1. пленять, очаровывать; увлекать  
her beauty captivated him - её красота его пленила  
they were captivated by his eloquence - они были покорены его красноречием
2. *арх.* брать в плен, пленять; держать в плену

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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cap·tiv·ate [captivate captivates captivated captivating] *BrE* [ˈkæptɪveɪt]

*NAmE* [ˈkæptɪveɪt] *verb* often passive ~ sb

to keep sb's attention by being interesting, attractive, etc.

**Syn:** †enchant

- The children were captivated by her stories.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	captivate
	BrE / ˈkæptɪveɪt/
	NAmE / ˈkæptɪveɪt/
he / she /it	captivates
	BrE / ˈkæptɪveɪts/
	NAmE / ˈkæptɪveɪts/
past simple, past participle	captivated
	BrE / ˈkæptɪveɪtɪd/
	NAmE / ˈkæptɪveɪtɪd/
-ing form	captivating
	BrE / ˈkæptɪveɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈkæptɪveɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: from late Latin **captivat-** 'taken captive', from the verb **captivare**, from **captivus**, from **capere** 'seize, take'.

Example Bank:

- Men were captivated by her charm.

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cap·ti·vate /'kæptɪveɪt, 'kæptɪveɪt/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

to attract someone very much, and hold their attention

*be captivated by somebody/something*

- He was captivated by her beauty.

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