

**affinity**[ə'fɪnɪti] *n*

1. близость, (духовное) родство; сходство  
close affinity between smb., smth. - тесная связь [-ое родство] между кем-л., чем-л.  
spiritual affinity - духовная близость  
there is much affinity between them - у них много общего; они очень близки
2. 1) (взаимная) склонность, симпатия  
he feels a strong affinity for /to/ her - его сильно влечёт к ней  
affinity for dancing - любовь к танцам  
2) предмет симпатии, родная душа
3. *юр.*  
1) свойство, родство по мужу *или* жене  
related by affinity - связанный свойством  
2) *собир.* свойственники, родня мужа *или* жены
4. сходство, структурная близость  
affinity of languages - сходство *или* родство языков
5. *хим.* сродство
6. *биол.* родовое сходство; филогенетическая близость

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**af·fin·ity** [affinity affinities] *BrE* [ə'fɪnəti] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAme* [ə'fɪnəti] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (pl.**af·fin·ities**)(*formal*)

1. **singular** ~ (for/with sb/sth) | ~ (between A and B) a strong feeling that you understand sb/sth and like them or it

**Syn:** ↑rapport

- Sam was born in the country and had a deep affinity with nature.
- Humans have a special affinity for dolphins.

2. **uncountable, countable** ~ (with sb/sth) | ~ (between A and B) a close relationship between two people or things that have similar qualities, structures or features

- There is a close affinity between Italian and Spanish.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'relationship by marriage'): via Old French from Latin *affinitas*, from *affinis* 'related' (literally 'bordering on'), from *ad-* 'to' + *finis* 'border'.

Example Bank:

- He has a natural affinity with numbers.
- His work shows some affinity with current trends in design.
- I felt a great affinity with the people of the Highlands.
- In his poems he showed some affinity with Coleridge.
- It's important that you share an affinity with your husband.
- Jo feels a great affinity towards Pamela.
- Many girls do show an affinity for craft skills.
- She felt an affinity with earlier poets.
- There is a close affinity between these two species.
- an affinity between the two women
- an affinity with animals
- There was a natural affinity between the two women.

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1. [**singular**] a strong feeling that you like and understand someone or something

**affinity with/for/between**

- his remarkable affinity with animals

2. [**uncountable and countable**] a close relationship between two things because of qualities or features that they share

**affinity with/between**

- the affinity between Christian and Chinese concepts of the spirit

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