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im·ple·ment ('im-plə-mənt ◀▶)

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- 1 : a device used in the performance of a task : **TOOL, UTENSIL**
- 2 : one that serves as an instrument or tool
the partnership agreement does not seem to be a very potent *implement*
— H. B. Hoffman
- 3 : an article serving to **equip**
the *implements* of religious worship

implement 2 of 2 verb

im·ple·ment ('im-plə-ment ◀▶)

implemented; implementing; implements

transitive verb

- 1 : **CARRY OUT, ACCOMPLISH**
especially : to give practical effect to and ensure of actual fulfillment by **concrete** measures
- 2 : to provide instruments or means of expression for

noun

variants or **implementor** ('im-plə-men-tər ◀▶)

Noun

device

tool

instrument

utensil

Verb

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apply

execute

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e for performing work.

... **IMPLEMENT** may apply to anything necessary to perform a task.

crude stone *implements*

farm *implements*

TOOL suggests an implement adapted to facilitate a definite kind or stage of work and suggests the need of skill more strongly than **IMPLEMENT**.

a carpenter's *tools*

INSTRUMENT suggests a device capable of delicate or precise work.

the dentist's *instruments*

APPLIANCE refers to a tool or instrument utilizing a power source and suggests portability or temporary attachment.

household *appliances*

UTENSIL applies to a device used in domestic work or some routine unskilled activity.

kitchen *utensils*

Noun

They eat with us, do the beach with us; the girls, K.C. and Jessica, buy kitchen *implements* for us, come over to casually straighten up, make beds, clear the dishes from the sink and the bedrooms ...

– Dave Eggers, *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, 2000

In the toolhouse ... there were also antique *implements* worn like prehistoric artifacts: an ancient oblong pink whetstone pointed at either end and soapily warped by all its use, and an old-fashioned square hoe worn into a lopsided metal oval ...

– John Updike, *The Afterlife*, 1994

There was a little *implement* called a lemon zester that she had bought from a door-to-door salesman.

– Ann Beattie, *New Yorker*, 28 Dec. 1987

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Sennett was stabbed and beaten with a fireplace *implement* in what was staged to look like a home invasion and burglary at her Colbert County, Ala., home, court records show.

– Kim Bellware, *Washington Post*, 24 Jan. 2024

The \$18 *implement*, made by the hair-tool brand FHI Heat, looks like a regular paddle brush, but with its rear panel removed so that air can flow through its perforated sheet of plastic bristles.

– Amanda Mull, *The Atlantic*, 25 Oct. 2023

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of the word 'implement.' Any opinions expressed in examples.

Etymology

Noun

Middle English, "supplementary payment needed to complete the sum due," borrowed from Anglo-French & Medieval Latin; Anglo-French, "appurtenances (as furniture or equipment) belonging to a household or property," borrowed from Medieval Latin *implēmentum* "making up to a full complement (of a former state, extent or value), item contributing to the entirety of a property, appurtenance, fixture," going back to Late Latin, "act of filling, replenishment," from Latin *implēre* "to fill, provide in full measure, fill up, occupy, amount to, perform, carry out" (from *im-* **IM-** + *plēre* "to fill") + *-mentum* **-MENT** — more at [FULL entry 1](#)

NOTE: Regarding the currency of the verb *plēre* in Latin see note at [COMPLETE entry 1](#).

Verb

derivative of [IMPLEMENT entry 1](#)

First Known Use

Noun

15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 3](#)

Verb

1806, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *implement* was in the 15th century

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im·ple·ment 'im-plə-mənt

: an article intended for use in work

implement 2 of 2 verb

im·ple·ment 'im-plə-,ment

: to take steps to put into practice : **CARRY OUT**

implement the terms of a treaty

'im-plə-mən-'tā-shən -mənt- **noun**

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