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verb (used without object)

1 to have reference or relation; relate:
documents pertaining to the lawsuit.

to belong or be connected as a part, adjunct, possession, or attribute.

to belong properly or fittingly; be appropriate.



QUIZ

ARE YOU A TRUE BLUE CHAMPION OF THESE "BLUE" SYNONYMS?

We could talk until we're blue in the face about this quiz on words for the color "blue," but we think you should take the quiz and find out if you're a whiz at these colorful terms.

Question 1 of 8

Which of the following words describes "sky blue"?

navy

beryl

azure

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Origin of **pertain**

1300–50; Middle English *pertenen*, *partenen*, *perteenen* < Middle French *partein-*, tonic stem of *partenir* < Latin *pertinēre* to be applicable, literally, to hold through, reach, equivalent to *per-*per- + *-tinēre*, combining form of *tenēre* to hold

OTHER WORDS FROM **pertain**

un·per·tain·ing, adjective

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Words related to **pertain**

relate, refer, apply, vest, belong, join, associate, regard, connect, combine, appertain, touch, affect, befit, concern, bear on

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pertain

 / (pə'teɪn) /

verb (*intr* often foll by *to*)

1 to have reference, relation, or relevance *issues pertaining to women*

to be appropriate *the product pertains to real user needs*

to belong (to) or be a part (of); be an adjunct, attribute, or accessory (of)