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be·long  (bǐ-lông , -lǒng)

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intr.v. **be·longed**, **be·long·ing**, **be·longs**

1.
 - a. To be proper, appropriate, or suitable: *A napkin belongs at every place setting.*
 - b. To be in an appropriate situation or environment: *That plant belongs outdoors.*
2.
 - a. To be a member of a group, such as a club.
 - b. To fit into a group naturally: *No matter what I did, I just didn't belong.*
3. To be owned by someone. Often used with *to*: *"The earth belongs to the living" (Thomas Jefferson).*
4. To be a part of something else: *These blades belong to the food processor.*

[Middle English *bilongen* : probably *bi-*, *be-* + *longen*, to belong (probably from *long*, dependent, from Old English *gelang*, along, depending; see **del**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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