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tr.v. **cap·ti·vat·ed**, **cap·ti·vat·ing**, **cap·ti·vates**

1. To attract and hold the interest of, as by beauty or wit. See Synonyms at [charm](#).
2. *Archaic* To capture.

[Late Latin *captivāre*, *captivāt-*, to capture, from Latin *captīvus*, prisoner; see [CAPTIVE](#).]

cap'ti·va tion *n.*

cap ti·va'tor *n.*

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