

Introduction

When something is symmetrical, there is a one-to-one correspondence among its parts. The word comes from the Greek *symmetria*, meaning "the same measure." In most languages it appears similar to the Greek word.

The symmetry concept may be interpreted as rigorously geometrical, but may also be thought of as expressing harmony and proportion. In this book, we will have this more relaxed approach to symmetry.



Simétria at the Prado in Madrid