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dam

[a wall built across a river to hold back flowing water]

The dam burst after a week of rain.

damage

[(1) to cause injury or destruction; (2) harm; (3) hurt or injury, usually to things]

The boy damaged his toys by throwing them against the wall. (1)

The storm caused a lot of damage to crops. (2)

Hitting the tree did serious damage to my car. (3)

dance

[(1) to move the body and feet to music; (2) a series of steps, usually to music]

Will you dance with me? (1)

Do you know how to do the chicken dance? (2)

danger

[a strong chance of suffering injury, damage or loss]

Some people enjoy the danger of rock climbing or sky diving.

dark

[having little or no light]

The room was dark.

date

[a day, month and year]

Today's date is September 10, 2000.

daughter

[a person's female child]

Tommy is going to the movies with Helen's daughter.

day

[(1) twenty-four hours; (2) the hours of sunlight]

I plan to be away from home for ten days. (1)

Alan works at night and sleeps during the day. (2)

dead

[not living]

The number of dead and injured in the rioting is not yet known.

deaf

[not able to hear]

The deaf man could not hear what you said.

deal

[(1) to have to do with; (2) to buy or sell]

The talks will deal with the problem of pollution. (1)

Her company deals in plastic. (2)

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debate

[(1) to argue for or against something; (2) a public discussion or argument]

The two candidates debated for one and a half hours on nationwide television. (1)

Which candidate do you think won the debate? (2)

debt

[(1) something that is owed; (2) the condition of owing]

The bank will want a list of all your debts before it considers your loan request. (1)

I owe a great debt to my family for all they did for me. (2)

decide

[(1) to choose; (2) to settle; (3) to judge]

Which of the two books did you decide to read? (1)

Jay and I agreed that we would decide our dispute. (2)

The judge decided that the accused man was not guilty. (3)

declare

[(1) to say; (2) to make a statement]

Jane declared that she never wanted to see him again. (1)

The United States declared its independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. (2)

decrease

[to make less in size or amount]

Technology helped the farmer to decrease his use of electricity.

deep

[(1) going far down; (2) a long way from top to bottom]

The diver went deep into the ocean. (1)

The ocean was very deep where the ship went down. (2)

defeat

[to cause to lose in a battle or struggle; (2) a loss; (3) the condition of having lost]

The House of Representatives defeated the President's request for more money for health care. (1)

It was the first defeat for the White House on health care spending. (2)

The defeat kills efforts to expand the health care system. (3)

defend

[(1) to guard or fight against attack; (2) to protect]

The soldiers fought hard to defend the city from the invaders. (1)

How can you defend what he did? (2)

deficit

[a shortage that results when spending is greater than earnings, or imports are greater than exports]

The President and the Congress worked together to reduce the budget deficit.