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second image fades in, briefly merging one with the other ■ **n** SIMULTANEOUS FADING OUT AND IN a change from one scene to another, with the first scene gradually fading out and the next one gradually fading in over it [14C. < Latin *dissolvere* "loosen asunder" < *solvere* "loosen."] —**dis-solv-a-bil-i-ty** /di zblv bilitee/ *n* —**dis-solv-a-ble** *adj* —**dis-solv-a-ble-ness** *n* —**dis-sol-vent** *adj* —**dis-sol-er** *n*

**dis-so-nance** /dis-sənəns/ *n* 1 UNPLEASANT NOISE a combination of sounds that is unpleasant to listen to 2 INCONSISTENCY lack of consistency or compatibility between actions or beliefs 3 UNSTABLE COMBINATION OF MUSICAL NOTES a combination of notes that, when played simultaneously, sounds displeasing and needs to be resolved to a consonance

**dis-so-nant** /dis-sənənt/ *adj* 1 UNPLEASANT TO HEAR making or involving a combination of sounds that is unpleasant to listen to 2 CONFLICTING incompatible or inconsistent (formal) 3 CONTAINING UNSTABLE CHORDS containing unstable chords or harmonies that need to be resolved to a consonance [15C. < Latin *dissōnans*, present participle of *dissōnare* "be apart in sound" < *sonare* "to sound."] —**dis-so-nant-ly** *adv*

**dis-suade** /di swādy/ (-suad-ed, -suad-ing, -suades) *vt* to persuade somebody not to do something or not to believe, think, or feel something [Early 16C. < Latin *dissuadere* "advise against" < *suadere* "advise, persuade."] —**dis-suad-a-ble** *adj* —**dis-suad-er** *n*

**dis-sua-sion** /di swāzh'n/ *n* persuasion not to do something or not to believe, think, or feel something [15C. Directly or via French < Latin *dissuasion* < *dissuas*, past participle of *dissuadere* (see DISSUADE).]

**dis-sua-sive** /di swāssiv/ *adj* convincing enough to persuade somebody not to do something or not to believe, think, or feel something [Early 16C. < the Latin past participle stem *dissuas*- of *dissuadere* (see DISSUADE).] —**dis-sua-sive-ly** *adv* —**dis-sua-sive-ness** *n*

**dis-syl-la-ble** *n* = disyllable

**dis-sym-met-ric** /dis-si mētrik/, **dis-sym-met-ri-cal** /dis-si mētrik'v/ *adj* = asymmetrical *adj.* 1 —**dis-sym-met-ri-cal-ly** *adv*

**dis-sym-me-try** /di simmētre/ (*plural* -tries) *n* = asymmetry *n.* 1

**dist.** *abbr* 1 distance 2 district

**dis-taff** /di stāf/ (*plural* -taffs or -taves /-stāvz/) *n* 1 women's work, or any other matters traditionally considered to be the concern of women (literary) 2 a rod on which wool or flax is wound for somebody to use when spinning by hand, or the corresponding rod on a spinning wheel [Old English *distaf* < Germanic, "bunch of flax" + STAFF.]

**dis-taff side** *n* a wife's or mother's side of a family (literary) † spear side

**dis-tal** /dist'v/ *adj* describes a body part situated away from a point of attachment or origin. † proximal [Early 19C. < DISTANT + -AL.] —**dis-tal-ly** *adv*

**dis-tance** /distəns/ *n* 1 LENGTH BETWEEN THINGS the length of the space separating two people, places, or things ○ *What's the distance between Paris and New York?* 2 FAR-OFF PLACE a place or position far away or not very close ○ *It's best seen from a distance.* 3 CLOSENESS ALLOWING SOME ACTIVITY the space between two people, places, or things with regard to activity carried on between the two ○ *We can do nothing until they're within hailing distance.* 4 AMOUNT OF SEPARATION the amount by which two places are separated, especially when thought of in terms of the time or inconvenience of a journey between the two ○ *She lives some distance away.* 5 ALOOFNESS a cool or slightly aloof response to another person or group 6 INTERVAL OF TIME the interval between one point in time and another, especially a long interval ○ *You can't expect to remember all the details at a distance of more than 20 years.* 7 AMOUNT OF PROGRESS the amount of progress that has been made or that is still to be made ○ *still some distance to go before we can reach an agreement* 8 IDEOLOGICAL GULF difference of opinion or ideology ○ *There's still some distance between us with regard to the basic issues.* 9 SPACE GREATER THAN 20 LENGTHS a space of more than twenty lengths between two racehorses, usually the winner and the horse finishing second ■ **v** (-tanced, -tanc-ing, -tanc-es) 1 **v** AVOID EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT to avoid becoming emotionally involved in something ○ *Try to distance yourself from past experiences.* 2 **v** AVOID SUPPORTING to avoid giving or deny that you provide support to or are involved with somebody or something ○ *He was trying to distance himself from the allegations.* 3 **v** WIN BY A

DISTANCE to beat another racehorse by more than twenty lengths [13C. Directly or via French < Latin *distantia* < *distant* "standing apart" (see DISTANT).] ○ **go the distance** to continue until you have completed something

**dis-tance learn-ing** *n* education for students working at home, with little or no face-to-face contact with teachers and with material provided remotely, e.g., by e-mail, television, or correspondence

**dis-tant** /distənt/ *adj* 1 FAR AWAY situated, living, or happening far away ○ *a distant galaxy* 2 FAR AWAY IN TIME remote in time, either in the future or the past ○ *They hope to meet again in the distant future.* 3 ALOOF showing that somebody does not want to be friendly or intimate 4 FAINT so slight as to be hard to discern ○ *a distant resemblance* [14C. Directly or via French < Latin *distant*, present participle of *distare* "stand apart" < *stare* "stand."]

**dis-tant-ly** /distəntli/ *adv* 1 FAR AWAY far away or from far away ○ *We could distantly make out figures dancing in the village square.* 2 FAR AWAY MENTALLY not concentrating on the immediate surroundings 3 ALOOPLY in a detached, cold, or formal way ○ *He smiled at her distantly as she walked past.* 4 NOT CLOSELY not closely in terms of family or blood relations ○ *distantly related*

**dis-taste** /dis tást/ *n* a feeling of dislike, disapproval, or mild disgust

**SYNONYMS** See *dislike*.

**dis-taste-ful** /dis tástf'v/ *adj* provoking dislike, disapproval, or mild disgust —**dis-taste-ful-ly** *adv* —**dis-taste-ful-ness** *n*

**Dist. Atty.** *abbr* district attorney

**dis-tem-per** 1 /dis tēmpər/ *n* a viral disease that affects various animals, especially dogs and cats [Mid-16C. < late Latin *distemperare* "combine away" (referring to an imbalance of bodily "humors") < Latin *temperare* (see TEMPER).]

**dis-tem-per** 2 /dis tēmpər/ *n* 1 paint in which the coloring material is mixed with water and a substance such as glue, size, or egg yolk or white, instead of with oil 2 the use of distemper in painting posters and murals [14C. Directly or via Old French *destemper* "soak, mix" < late Latin *distemperare* (see DISTEMPER).] —**dis-tem-per** *vt*

**dis-tend** /di stēnd/ *vt* to expand, swell, or inflate as if by pressure from within [14C. < Latin *distendere* "stretch apart" < *tendere* "stretch."] —**dis-tend-er** *n* —**dis-ten-si-bil-i-ty** /di stēns bilitee/ *n* —**dis-ten-si-ble** /-stēns'v/ *adj* —**dis-ten-sion** /-stēnsh'n/ *n*

**dis-tich** /di stik/ *n* two lines of poetry, sometimes rhyming, that form a complete unit in themselves [Early 16C. Via Latin < Greek *distichon*, form of *distichos* "of two rows or verses" < *stichos* "row, line of verse."] —**dis-tich-al** *adj*

**dis-ti-chous** /distikəss/ *adj* describes leaves that grow in vertical rows on opposite sides of a stem —**dis-ti-chous-ly** *adv*

**dis-till** /di stil/, **dis-till** (-tilled, -till-ing, -tits) *v* 1 **vt** PURIFY LIQUID WITH HEAT to purify a liquid by heating it and then condensing its vapor, or undergo purification in this way 2 **vt** MAKE ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS to produce alcoholic spirits using the process of heating liquid and condensing its vapor 3 **vt** CREATE FROM ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS to create something from the essential or most important elements of something larger or longer 4 **vi** EMERGE SLOWLY to be emitted slowly or in small quantities ○ *"Then slowly from the silence there distilled drops of music"* (John Buchan, *Greenmantle*; 1916) [14C. < Latin *distillare*, alteration of *destillare*, literally "drip apart" < *stillare* "to drip" < *stilla* "drop."] —**dis-till-a-ble** *adj*

**dis-til-late** /dist'v/ *vt*, *dist'v/* *n* 1 **dis-til-late**, **dis-til-la-tion** a concentrated liquid produced by heating a liquid mixture and condensing the vapor 2 the concentrated essence of something

**dis-til-la-tion** /dist'v/ *n* 1 the process of separating, concentrating, or purifying liquid by boiling it and then condensing the resulting vapor 2 something that consists of the essential points, aspects, or implications of something larger or longer 3 **CHEM** = *distillate* *n.* 1 —**dis-til-la-to-ry** /di stilla tawree/ *adj*

**dis-til-la-tion col-umn** *n* a hollow vertical column, fitted inside with perforated trays or packing material, in which liquid mixtures are separated into their components by heating the mixture and condensing the vapor produced

**dis-tilled** /di stild/ *adj* 1 derived from or encapsulating a wider experience or larger set of ideas 2 describes

liquids that have been purified or concentrated by distillation

**dis-till-er** /di stilə/ *n* a company that or person who produces hard liquor such as whiskey, vodka, and gin

**dis-till-er-y** /di stilere/ (*plural* -les) *n* a place where strong alcoholic liquors such as whiskey, vodka, and gin are made by distilling

**dis-tinct** /di stɪŋkt/ *adj* 1 SEPARATE clearly different and separate ○ *The word has two distinct senses.* 2 APPARENT TO THE SENSES easy to hear, see, smell, or understand ○ *I have a very distinct memory of that day.* 3 CERTAIN definite or undeniable ○ *I had the distinct impression they'd been arguing.* 4 NOTICEABLE strong enough, large enough, or definite enough to be noticed ○ *There's a distinct smell of gasoline in the car.* 5 EMPHATIC very great in degree, e.g., as an honor felt or experienced ○ *a distinct privilege* [14C. Directly or via French < Latin *distinctus*, past participle of *distingere* "to separate" (see DISTINGUISH).] —**dis-tinct-ly** *adv* —**dis-tinct-ness** *n*

**dis-tinc-tion** /di stɪŋkshən/ *n* 1 DIFFERENCE a difference, or the recognition of a difference, between two or more things or people 2 HIGH QUALITY excellence in quality or talent ○ *tailors of distinction* 3 SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF something done or given as a mark of respect or honor ○ *I had the distinction of giving the opening address.* 4 DISTINGUISHING FEATURE something that characterizes or singles out something or somebody ○ *She has the dubious distinction of being the administration's most slavish defender.* 5 MARK OF HIGH ACHIEVEMENT recognition of high achievement or a grade that signifies this ○ *graduated from the university with distinction*

**dis-tinc-tive** /di stɪŋktiv/ *adj* 1 uniquely characteristic of a particular person, group, or thing 2 relating to the features of a phoneme that distinguish it from other similar phonemes, e.g., the fact that it is labial, fricative, or nasal —**dis-tinc-tive-ly** *adv* —**dis-tinc-tive-ness** *n*

**dis-tin-gué** /di stɪŋ gáy/ *adj* having the confidence and dignity of somebody who is used to being respected [Early 19C. < French, past participle of *distinguer* (see DISTINGUISH).]

**dis-tin-guish** /di stɪŋ gwɪsh/ *v* 1 **vt** RECOGNIZE DIFFERENCES to be aware of a difference between two or more people, groups, or things, or show that they are different from each other ○ *to distinguish between fact and fiction* 2 **vt** BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN to be the feature or characteristic that shows that one person, group, or thing is different from another ○ *What distinguishes dogs from wolves?* 3 **vt** MAKE OUT to be able to recognize or identify something ○ *I could barely distinguish people's faces in the fog.* 4 **vt** DO SOMETHING WELL AND ACHIEVE RECOGNITION to make yourself well known because of excellence, especially in a profession, art, or organization ○ *He distinguished himself on the field of battle.* [Late 16C. < French *distinguer* or Latin *distinguere* "to separate" < *stingere* "quench."] —**dis-tin-guish-a-bil-i-ty** *n* —**dis-tin-guish-a-ble** *adj* —**dis-tin-guish-er** *n*

**dis-tin-guished** /di stɪŋ gwɪsh't/ *adj* 1 RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE well known and respected for a particular achievement, skill, knowledge, or talent ○ *a distinguished composer* 2 CONFIDENT AND DIGNIFIED showing the confident and dignified appearance and manners of somebody who is used to respect 3 SUCCESSFUL showing or involving a great deal of skill, talent, or success

**Dis-tin-guished Fly-ing Cross** *n* 1 a US military medal awarded for extraordinary achievement or for heroism in air combat 2 a Royal Air Force medal awarded to noncommissioned and warrant officers for distinguished conduct when flying in action

**Dis-tin-guished Ser-vice Cross** *n* 1 a US Army medal awarded for extraordinary heroism against an enemy 2 a British medal awarded in all branches of the armed forces for distinguished service in action

**Dis-tin-guished Ser-vice Or-der** *n* a British medal awarded to commissioned officers in all armed forces for distinguished service in action

**dis-tin-guish-ing** /di stɪŋ gwɪsh'ɪŋ/ *adj* allowing one person, group, or thing to be told apart from another ○ *distinguishing characteristics*

**dis-tort** /di stɔrt/ *v* 1 **vt** GIVE AN INACCURATE REPORT OF to describe or report something in a way that is inaccurate or misleading 2 **vt** ALTER SHAPE to bend, twist, stretch, or change from a normal or natural shape, or make something do this 3 **vt** MAKE UNNATURAL OR UNCLEAR to change something such as an image in such a way that it becomes unclear or unrecognizable 4 **vt** REPRODUCE INACCURATELY to amplify or reproduce something, e.g.,

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a radio signal inaccurately [15C. < Latin distort, past
participle of distortere "twist completely" < torquere
"bend."]. —dis-tort-ed-ly adv —
dis-tort-ed-ness n —dis-tort-er n —dis-tor-tive adj
dis-tor-tion /di stɔr'tiən/ n 1 MISLEADING ALTERATION the
altering of information in such a way that people are
misinformed or misled 2 CHANGING FROM CORRECT SHAPE
the bending or twisting of something out of its normal
or natural shape 3 MISSHAPEN PART a part of something
that has been bent, twisted, stretched, or forced out of
its normal or natural shape 4 MAKING SOMETHING UNCLEAR
the altering of something, e.g., a radio or television
signal, to the extent that it becomes unclear or un-
recognizable 5 ALTERATION IN OPTICAL IMAGE an alteration in
an image in which the original proportions are
changed, resulting from a defect in a lens or optical
system —dis-tor-tion-al adj —dis-tor-tion-ary adj

dist. abbr 1 distribution 2 distributor
dis-tract /di strækt/ vt 1 CATCH SOMEBODY'S ATTENTION to take
somebody's attention away from what he or she is
doing or thinking or from what is happening 2 AMUSE
to amuse or entertain somebody, especially as a means
of taking his or her mind off something unpleasant
3 MAKE UNEASY to unsettle somebody's mind with dis-
turb- ing, confusing, or conflicting emotions (archaic)
O Husband, Husband, my Heart long'd to see thee; but to
see thee thus distracts me." (John Gay, The Beggar's Opera;
1728) [14C. < Latin distract, past participle of distrahere
"draw away" < trahere "draw, drag."] —dis-tract-er n
—dis-tract-i-ble-ly /di stræktəbəl/ n —dis-tract-i-ble
adj —dis-trac-tive adj —dis-trac-tive-ly adv

dis-tract-ed /di stræktəd/ adj 1 showing a lack of con-
centration 2 so worried or upset as to be unable to think
clearly or act sensibly —dis-tract-ed-ness n

dis-tract-ing /di stræktɪŋ/ adj 1 taking somebody's at-
tention away from what he or she wants to do or ought
to be doing 2 helping somebody to relax and forget
work or worries —dis-tract-ing-ly adv

dis-trac-tion /di strækʃən/ n 1 SOMETHING THAT DIVERTS
ATTENTION something that interferes with concentration
or takes attention away from something else 2
AMUSEMENT something providing entertainment or
amusement, especially something that takes the mind
off work or worries and helps relaxation 3 EMOTIONAL
UPSET a state of great mental or emotional upset

dis-tract-or /di stræktər/ n 1 any of the incorrect options
shown as possible answers to a multiple-choice ques-
tion 2 a person or thing that distracts people's attention

dis-train /di strɪn/ vt to take and hold somebody's prop-
erty as a pledge for something such as unpaid rent [14C.
< Old French destraign-, present stem of destrindre < Latin
distingere "draw asunder."] —dis-train-a-ble adj —
dis-train-er /di strɪnər/ n —dis-train-er n —dis-
train-ment n

dis-traint /di strɑɪnt/ n LAW = distress n. 5 [Mid-18C. <
DISTRAIN; after CONSTRAINT.]

dis-trait /di strɪt/ adj inattentive and slightly distracted
or absent-minded (literary) [14C. < French, < past par-
ticiples of Old French distraire "distract" < Latin distrahere
(see DISTRACT).]

dis-traught /di strɔ:t/ adj extremely upset and dis-
tressed [14C. Alteration of archaic distract "perplexed" <
Latin distractus, past participle of distrahere (see
DISTRACT).] —dis-traught-ly adv

dis-tress /di strɛs/ n 1 MENTAL SUFFERING mental suffering,
e.g., that caused by grief, anxiety, or unhappiness
2 HARDSHIP difficulty or hardship caused by a lack of
basic necessities 3 PHYSICAL PAIN physical pain or dis-
comfort 4 DANGER great danger or difficulty, with a need
for immediate assistance o a ship in distress 5 dis-tress,
dis-trait SEIZURE OF BAD DEBTOR'S PROPERTY the seizing of
somebody's movable property either in lieu of payment
of a debt or in order to force the person to pay ■ vt
1 UPSET to make somebody extremely upset, anxious,
or alarmed 2 MAKE FURNITURE OR FABRIC LOOK OLD to give a
new piece of furniture or fabric an old or worn ap-
pearance [13C. Via Old French destresse < assumed Vulgar
Latin districtia < Latin district-, past participle of distingere
"draw asunder."] —dis-tress-ful adj

dis-tressed /di strɛst/ adj 1 VERY UPSET extremely upset,
anxious, or unhappy 2 MADE TO LOOK OLDER artificially
given an old or worn appearance 3 REPOSSESSED FROM BAD
DEBTOR reposessed by a bank or other lender from the
borrower and offered for sale at a reduced price o a
distressed loan 4 OF DAMAGED GOODS damaged or used
o They had a sale of distressed goods.

dis-tress-ing /di strɛsɪŋ/ adj causing
somebody to feel extremely upset —dis-tress-ing-ly adv
dis-tress mer-chan-dise n goods that have been re-
posessed by a bank or other lender from a borrower
who has failed to repay a loan and are offered for sale
at below-market prices

dis-tress sig-nal n a signal, e.g., a radio message or
a flare, sent by a ship or aircraft in urgent need of
assistance

dis-trib-u-tar-y /di strɪbju:təri/ (plural -ies) n a
channel leading water away from a main single channel

dis-trib-ute /di strɪbju:t/ (-ut-ed, -ut-ing, -utes) v 1 vt GIVE
OUT to deliver or share things out to people o distribute
prizes 2 vt SHARE OUT to divide something into shares and
give the shares to a number of people 3 vt SPREAD to
scatter something or spread it throughout a particular
area or place 4 vt DIVIDE INTO CLASSES to divide something
up into different classes or categories 5 vt DISPATCH GOODS
to sell and deliver merchandise, especially wholesale
goods to a retailer 6 vt MAKE TERM APPLY TO ALL to apply a
term to all the members of the class it designates 7 vt
MAKE OPERATION APPLY THROUGHOUT to apply or make an
operation, e.g., multiplication or division, apply to each
part of a mathematical expression [15C. < Latin dis-
tribut-, past participle of distribuere "assign separately" <
tribuere (see TRIBUTE).] —dis-trib-ut-a-ble adj
SYNONYMS See scatter.

dis-trib-ut-ed /di strɪbju:təd/ adj describes computer
systems in which two or more computers have a tele-
communications link to each other but can also operate
independently

dis-trib-u-tee /di strɪbju:tɪ/ n somebody entitled to a
share of the estate of a person who has died without
making a will

dis-trib-ut-er /di strɪbju:tər/ n = distributor

dis-trib-u-tion /dɪstrɪbju:ʃən/ n 1 GIVING OUT the sharing
out or delivery of things to a number of people 2 SHARING
the process of dividing up and giving out something,
e.g., money, when it is shared by a number of people
3 SCATTERING the scattering or spreading of something
over an area 4 ENTIRE AREA WHERE SPECIES IS FOUND the area
or areas taken together where something is located
or where a species lives and reproduces 5 SPREAD OF
STATISTICS the spread of statistics within known or pos-
sible limits, especially in relation to the norm or to
expectations 6 SHARING OUT OF SOMEBODY'S ESTATE the di-
viding up of the estate of somebody who has died
intestate among people who are entitled to receive a
share 7 RECOMBINING OF TWO PROPOSITIONS the recombining
of two operations from one proposition in another
equivalent proposition, e.g., "p and (q or r)" is equiva-
lent to "(p and q) or (p and r)" —dis-trib-u-tion-al adj

dis-trib-u-tive /di strɪbju:tɪv/ adj 1 INVOLVING DISTRIBUTION
relating to or involving the handing out, sharing out,
or scattering about of things 2 INVOLVED WITH DELIVERIES
relating to or involved in the delivery of merchandise
3 REFERRING TO EACH MEMBER referring to each member of
a set or group individually and separately 4 REFERRING
TO INDIVIDUALS referring to an individual member of a
class 5 PRODUCING EQUAL RESULTS describes a mathematical
expression with two operators whose expansion pro-
duces the same results whether operated on as a whole
or as a sum of the parts ■ n DISTRIBUTIVE WORD a word
that refers to every member of a set or group in-
dividually and separately —dis-trib-u-tive-ly adv —
dis-trib-u-tive-ness n

dis-trib-u-tive ed-u-ca-tion n educational courses in
vocational subjects that combine classroom teaching
with on-the-job training

dis-trib-u-tor /di strɪbju:tər/, dis-trib-ut-er n 1 SOMEBODY
WHO DISTRIBUTES a person who or an organization or
thing that distributes something 2 WHOLESALER a whole-
saler who sells merchandise to retailers, usually within
a specified geographic area 3 DEVICE CONVEYING ELECTRICITY
TO SPARK PLUGS the device in a motor vehicle's engine
that transfers electric current from the induction coil to
the spark plugs 4 ORGANIZATION ARRANGING SCREENING OF
MOTION PICTURES an organization that advertises movies
and arranges with exhibitors, who own the movie the-
aters, to have them shown

dis-tract /dɪstrɪkt/ n an area of a town or country, es-
pecially one with a particular distinguishing feature or
one that is an administrative division o a fruit-growing
district ■ vt to divide an area into distinct geopolitical

or cultural sectors o hard at work districting the huge
county for voting purposes [Early 17C. Via French < medieval
Latin districtus "area of jurisdiction" < Latin district- (see
DISTRESS).]

dis-tract at-tor-ney n the prosecuting officer of a par-
ticular jurisdiction

dis-tract court n the trial court in either a state or a
federal district in the United States

Dis-tract of Co-lum-bi-a federal district of the E
United States, coextensive with the city of Washington,
D.C. Area: 68 sq. mi./176 sq. km.

dis-troy incorrect spelling of destroy

dis-trust /dɪs trʌst/ n a feeling that somebody or some-
thing is dishonest or unreliable —dis-trust-ful vt —
dis-trust-er n —dis-trust-ful adj —dis-trust-ful-ly adv —
dis-trust-ful-ness n

dis-turb /di stɜ:b/ vt 1 INTERRUPT to interrupt or distract
somebody when he or she is busy 2 UPSET to make
somebody feel anxious or slightly troubled 3 CHANGE
SHAPE OR POSITION to move something so that it is not
in its normal, expected, or correct shape or position
o Nothing had been disturbed. 4 SPOIL PEACE AND QUIET to
spoil the quietness, stillness, or peacefulness of some-
thing 5 AWAKEN to awaken somebody or something [12C.
Directly or via Old French desto(u)rber < Latin disturbare
"disturb completely" < turbare "disturb."] —dis-turb-er
n —dis-turb-ing adj —dis-turb-ing-ly adv
SYNONYMS See bother.

dis-turb-ance /di stɜ:bəns/ n 1 DISRUPTION OF PEACE the
disruption of a peaceful or ordered environment, or
something that causes such disruption 2 DISRUPTION OF
CONCENTRATION the disruption of somebody's con-
centration, or something that disrupts somebody's
ability to continue with a task 3 COMMO-TION noisy and
violent behavior in a public place, or an incident in-
volving such behavior 4 MENTAL UPSET psychological or
emotional upset 5 EARTH TREMOR a minor movement of
the earth that falls short of an earthquake 6 INTERFERENCE
WITH SOMEBODY'S RIGHTS any act that causes disruption to
others or hinders them from pursuing normal legal
activities 7 LOW-PRESSURE AREA a small area of low pres-
sure

dis-turb-ance of the peace n a violation of public
order that disrupts or destroys public tranquility

dis-turbed /di stɜ:bəd/ adj 1 ANXIOUS worried or concerned
2 TROUBLED unsettled and unhappy, with many troubles
and upsets 3 NOT IN MENTAL HEALTH affected by or dis-
playing symptoms of psychiatric disorder

di-sul-fide /di sʌl fɪd/ n a chemical compound that has
two atoms of sulfur combined with one or more other
elements

di-sul-fi-ram /di sʌlfɪ rəm/ n a drug used in the treatment
of alcoholism [Mid-20C. < DISULFIDE + THIOUREA + AMYL.]

di-sul-fo-ton /di sʌlfə tɒn/ n a systemic organophosphate
insecticide. Use: agriculture. [Mid-20C. < DI- + sulfio- +
-ton < ?]

dis-un-ion /dɪss ju:nɪən/ n 1 the splitting up of some-
thing into separate smaller parts or groups 2 dis-
agreement or discord

dis-u-nite /dɪssju:nɪt/ (-nit-ed, -nit-ing, -nites) v 1 vt to
create or be a source of disagreement between different
people or factions within a group 2 vi to divide some-
thing, or become divided, into smaller parts or
groups —dis-u-nit-ed adj —dis-u-nit-er n

dis-u-ni-ty /dɪss ju:nɪtɪ/ n a lack of unity within a group,
especially one caused by a disagreement or a difference
of opinion

dis-use /dɪss ju:ss/ n the fact or condition of not being
used, applied, or followed, especially for a long time

dis-used /dɪss ju:st/ adj no longer in use o a disused
airfield

dis-u-til-i-ty /dɪssju:tlɪtɪ/ (plural -ties) n a state of
causing inconvenience, counterproductivity, or harm
(formal)

di-syl-la-ble /dɪ sɪləbəl/, di-, dis-syl-la-ble n 1 a word
composed of two syllables 2 a two-syllable unit of
rhythm in poetry —di-syl-la-bic /dɪ sɪləbɪk, di-ɪ/ adj

dit /dɪt/ n the spoken form of the short sound used in
Morse and other telegraphic codes. o dah [Mid-20C. An
imitation of the sound.]

dit; th thɪn; th thɪs; u ʌp; or ɪn

distortion foreign words: kh German Bach; aN French vin; aN French blanc; 8 German schön, French feu; oN French bon; oN French tut; ɪ as in French re Stress marks: ˘ as in secret /sɛkət rət/ ˘ as in secretary /sɛkrɪ tɪəri/