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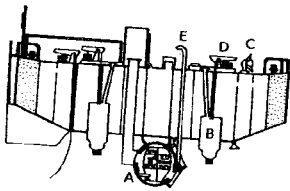


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bath¹ n

bath-tub (bāth'tūb', bāth'-) *n.* A tub for bathing.

bath-y-scaph (bāth'i-skāf', -skāf') *n.* Also **bath-y-scaph** (-skāf') *n.* A free-diving, self-contained deep-sea research vessel with a crewed observation capsule.



bathyscaph
A. observation capsule, B. pellet blast hopper,
C. propeller, D. release magnet, E. snorkel

bath-y-sphere (bāth'i-sfir') *n.* A crewed deep-diving sphere lowered by cable.

ba-tik (bā-tēk', bā'tik) *n.* 1a. A method of dyeing textiles in which the parts not to be dyed are covered with removable wax. b. A design created by this method. 2. Fabric dyed by batik.

ba-tiste (bā-tēst', bā-) *n.* A fine, sheer fabric used esp. for clothing.

bat mitz-vah (bāt mīts'vā) *n.* Also **bas mitz-vah** (bas). 1. A 12- or 13-year-old Jewish girl who assumes the religious responsibilities of an adult. 2. The ceremony confirming a bat mitzvah.

ba-ton (bā-tōn', bāt'n) *n.* A tapered stick, esp. one with which a conductor leads an orchestra or band.

ba-trā-chi-an (bā-trā'kē-an) *adj.* Of or relating to frogs and toads. —*n.* A frog or toad.

bats-man (bāts'mən) *n.* A player at bat, esp. in cricket.

bat-tal-ion (bā-tāl'yən) *n.* 1. A military unit made up of a headquarters company and 4 infantry companies or a headquarters battery and 4 artillery batteries. 2. A large body of people, esp. of troops.

bat-ten (bāt'n) *n.* A flexible wooden strip for sealing cracks or fastening together parts. —*v.* To secure with or as if with battens.

bat-ten² (bāt'n) 1. To become fat. 2. To thrive and prosper.

bat-ter¹ (bāt'ər) *n.* To pound or damage with heavy and repeated blows.

bat-ter² (bāt'ər) *n.* The baseball or cricket player at bat.

bat-ter³ (bāt'ər) *n.* A thick, beaten mixture, as of flour and liquid, used in cooking.

battering ram *n.* a. A heavy beam used in ancient warfare to batter down walls and gates. b. A heavy metal bar used by firefighters to break down doors and walls.

bat-tery (bāt'ō-rē) *n., pl.* bat-ter-ies
1. An unlawful beating of a person in a military emplacement. b. A battery on a warship. 3. A number of players grouped or used together. 4. A catcher on a baseball team. 5. A device that generates an electric current by chemical action.

bat-ting (bāt'ing) *n.* Rolls of cotton or wool fiber, as for stuffing.

bat-tle (bāt'l) *n.* 1. A large-scale battle. 2. An intense competition. —*v.* -tled, -ting. To engage in battle.

bat-tle-ax or **bat-tle-axe** (bāt'l-aks) *n.* A broad-headed ax once used as a weapon.

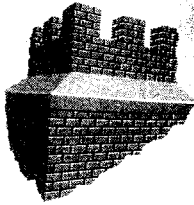
bat-tle-dore (bāt'l-dōr') *n.* 1. A game of badminton played with a shuttlecock. 2. A paddle and a shuttlecock. 3. A game used in battledore.

bat-tle-field (bāt'l-fēld') *n.* A place where a battle is waged.

bat-tle-front (bāt'l-frūnt') *n.* The line where enemies face one another in battle.

bat-tle-ground (bāt'l-grūnd') *n.* A field where a battle is waged.

bat-tle-ment (bāt'l-mənt) *n.* A passage on top of a wall, with defensive or offensive indentations.



battlement

battle royal *n., pl.* battles royal. 1. A battle with more than 2 combatants. 2. A bitter dispute.

bat-tle-ship (bāt'l-ship') *n.* A warship of the largest, most heavily armed and armored class.

bat-ty (bāt'tē) *adj.* -ti-er, -ti-est. *Slang.* Insane.

baud (bōd) *n.* A trinket.

baud (bōd) *n.* Computer Sci. A unit of speed in data transmission equal to 1 bit per second.

baux-ite (bōk'sīt') *n.* The principal ore of aluminum.

bawd (bōd) *n.* 1. A woman who runs a brothel; madam. 2. A prostitute.

bawd-y (bō'dē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est. 1. Humorously coarse; risqué. 2. Vulgar; lewd. —*adv.* -ly. *Slang.* —**bawd'i-ness** *n.* **bawl** (bōl) *v.* 1. To cry out loudly; wail. 2. To shout vehemently. —**bawl** out. *Informal.* To scold severely. —**bawl** n. —**bawl'er** *n.*

bay¹ n

inlet of a body of water by land.

part of a building that is architectural elements. 2a. A bay window or opening in a wall. b. A bay window. —*n.* 1. A reddish-brown animal, esp. a dog. 2. A reddish-brown animal, esp. a dog.

A deep, prolonged bark, esp. of a dog. The position of one cornered in a storm and fight. —*v.* To utter a bark.

bayonet 1. A small, pointed blade that attaches to the muzzle end of a rifle. 2. A bayonet charge.

bayberry 1. An aromatic shrub in the genus *Myrica* bearing waxy gray berries. 2. The dried leaf of the laurel, used as a preservative in cooking.

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beach-comber (bēch'kō'mər) *n.* One who lives on what can be found on beaches.

beach flea *n.* Any of various small, jumping crustaceans of the family Orchestidae, living on sandy beaches near the tide line.

beach-head (bēch'hēd') *n.* An area on an enemy shoreline secured by troops in advance of an invading force.

beacon (bē'kən) *n.* 1. A signal fire. 2. A coastal signaling or guiding device. 3. A radio transmitter that emits a signal as a warning or guide.

bead (bed) *n.* 1. A small, often round piece of material pierced for threading or stringing. 2. **beads**. a. A necklace made of beads. b. A rosary. 3. A small, round mass, as a drop of moisture. 4. A narrow projecting strip, as of molding. —*v.* 1. To ornament with beads. 2. To form into beads. —**bead'-ing** *n.* —**bead'y** *adj.*

beadle (bē'dl) *n.* A minor parish official, usu. in an English church, whose duties include ushering.

beagle (bē'gəl) *n.* A small, short-legged hound with drooping ears and a smooth coat with white, black, and tan markings.

beak (bēk) *n.* 1. The bill of a bird. 2. A part or structure resembling a beak.

beaker (bē'kər) *n.* 1. A large, wide-mouthed drinking cup. 2. A cylindrical glass laboratory vessel with a pouring lip.

beam (bēn) *n.* 1. A large, oblong length of metal or timber used esp. in construction. 2. The widest part of a ship. 3. A radio beam. 4. A ray of light. —*v.* 1a. To emit light; shine. b. To direct (a radio signal) in a beam. 2. To smile broadly.

bean (bēn) *n.* 1. The often edible seed or seed pod of any of various plants of the genus *Phaseolus*. 2. Any of various plants related to or suggestive of bean plants. 3. *Slang.* The head. —*v.* *Slang.* To hit on the head with an object.

bean ball *n.* Baseball. A pitched ball aimed at a batter's head.

bean curd *n.* A cheese-like food made from soybeans.

bean-sprouts *pl. n.* A small skullcap.

bean-sprouts *pl. n.* The tender edible sprouts of bean seeds, esp. soybean seeds.

bear¹ (bār) *n.* **bore** (bōr, bōrn) or **born**, **bearing**. 1. To support. 2. To carry. 3. To endure **couldn't bear the tension**. 4. To be equipped with: **have (bore his uncle's name)**. 5. To render as testimony **(bore witness)**. 6. To give birth to. 7. To yield: **produce (a shrub bearing fruit)**. 8. To exert force **(bring pressure to bear)**. 9. To move in a particular direction **(bore left at the intersection)**. —**bear'a-ble** *adj.* —**bear'a-ably** *adv.* —**bear'er** *n.*

bear² (bār) *n.* 1. Any of various usu. omnivorous mammals of the family Ursidae with shaggy fur. 2. A sullen, ill-mannered person. 3. One that sells commodities or securities with the expectation of a price fall. —**bear'-ish** *adj.* —**bear'ish-ness** *n.*

be (bē) *v.* was (wüz, wöz; waz when unstressed) or were (wür, wēr, wē'ing), **been** (bin) 1. To exist **(I think, therefore I am)**. 2. To occupy a specified position **(The book is on the desk)**. 3. To take place: occur **(The party is tomorrow)**. 4. To go. —Used chiefly in the past and perfect tenses **(Have you ever been to Europe?)** 5a. To equal in meaning: be identical with **(Sunday is the first day of the week)**. b. To symbolize **(Food is love)**. c. To belong to a specified class or group **(This dog is a terrier)**. d. To have or show a specified quality or characteristic **(He is intelligent)**. 6. —Used with the past participle of a transitive verb to form the passive voice **(The house was sold)**. 7. —Used with the present participle of a verb to express continuing action **(She is cooking dinner)**. 8. —Used with the infinitive of a verb to express intention, obligation, or future action **(You are to telephone your home immediately)**. **Be** symbol for BERYLLIUM.

beach (bēch) *n.* The often sandy or pebbly shore of a body of water. —*v.* To go or drive ashore.

beach buggy *n.* A dune buggy.

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