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dark reaction the second phase of photosynthesis, that does not require the presence of light, during which ATP releases stored energy that is used to convert carbon dioxide molecules into sugars and other nutrients: cf. LIGHT REACTION

dark-room (därk'room) n. a room from which all actinic rays are excluded, so that photographs can be developed in it

dark-some (-səm) adj. [Old Poet.] 1 dark; dardish 2 dismal

darky or darkie (där'kē) n., pl. -ies [Old Informal] a Negro: a derogatory or contemptuous term: also dark'ey

dar-ling (där'ling) n. [ME dereling < OE deorling, dim. of deore, DEAR] 1 a person much loved by another: often a term of affectionate address 2 a favorite 3 a sweet, lovable, or gracious person — adj. 1 very dear; beloved 2 [Informal] cute; attractive

Dar-ling (där'ling) river in SE Australia, flowing southwest into the Murray River: c. 1,700 mi (2,736 km)

Darm-stadt (därm'stat; Ger därm'shtät) city in SW Germany, in the state of Hesse: pop. 141,000

darm-stadt-um (därm stat'é om) n. [after prec., site of laboratory where discovered] a radioactive chemical element with a very short half-life: it is a transactinide usually produced by bombarding lead with high-energy nuclear particles: symbol, Ds; at. no., 110: see the periodic table of elements in the Reference Supplement

darn¹ (därn) vt., vi. [MFr dial. derner, to piece together, mend < Bret darn, a piece < IE base *der-, to pull off, split apart > TEAR¹] to mend (cloth) or repair (a hole or tear in cloth) by sewing a network of stitches across the gap — n. a darned place in fabric — SYN. MEND —darn'er n.

darn² (därn) vt., vi., n., adj., adv., interj. [Informal] euphemism for DAMN (the curse) —darned adj., adv.

dar-nel (där'nəl) n. [ME < Fr dial. (Wal) darnelle, prob. < OFr dial. darnu, stupefied (< Frank *darn) + niella < VL nigella, black caraway < L niger, black: so called from its supposed stupefying qualities] a weedy rye grass (Lolium temulentum) with poisonous seeds, often found in grainfields

darn-ing (därn'ing) n. 1 a mending with interlaced stitches 2 things to be darned

darning needle 1 a large needle for darning 2 DRAGONFLY

Darn-ley (därn'lē), Lord (Henry Stewart or Stuart) 1545-67; 2d husband of Mary, Queen of Scots; father of James I

Dar-row (dar'ō), Clarence (Seward) 1857-1938; U.S. lawyer

dar-shan (där'shən, dar'-) n. [Hindi darśan < Sans darśana, a seeing, akin to dr̥ś, sight < IE base *derk-, to see > Gr derkōmai, I see, OE torht, bright] the virtue, uplift, blessing, etc. which, many Hindus believe, one gets in the presence of a great man

dart (därt) n. [ME < OFr < Frank *darod (akin to OE daroth), spear] 1 a small, pointed missile, usually with the rear end feathered, used as for throwing at a target in games or for shooting from a blowgun 2 anything resembling this 3 a sudden, quick movement 4 a short, stitched fold that tapers to a point, used to shape a garment 5 [pl., with sing. u.] a game in which darts (see sense 1) are thrown at a target (dart'-board) — vt., vi. 1 to throw, shoot, or send out suddenly and fast 2 to move suddenly and fast

dar-ter (-ər) n. 1 a thing or animal that darts 2 ANHINGA *3 any of various small, brightly colored freshwater perches of North America

Dart-moor (därt'moor, -môr) a prison in Devon, SW England

Dart-mouth (därt'moath) [named in honor of Sir Wm. Legge, 2d Earl of Dartmouth (1672-1750)] city in S Nova Scotia, Canada, near Halifax: pop. 66,000

*Dar-von (där'vən) trademark for PROPOXYPIRENE HYDROCHLORIDE

Dar-win¹ (där'win) 1 Charles (Robert) 1809-82; Eng. naturalist: originated theory of evolution by natural selection 2 Erasmus 1731-1802; Eng. naturalist, physician, & poet: grandfather of Charles —Dar-win-ian (där'win'ē ən) adj., n.

Dar-win² (där'win) capital of Northern Territory, Australia; seaport on the Timor Sea: pop. 69,000

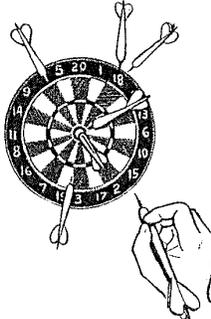
Darwinian theory Darwin's theory of evolution, which holds that all species of plants and animals developed from earlier forms by hereditary transmission of slight variations in successive generations, natural selection determining which forms will survive

Dar-win-ism (där'win iz'əm) n. 1 the Darwinian theory 2 adherence to the Darwinian theory —Dar'-win-ist adj., n. —Dar'-win-is'tic adj.

dash¹ (dash) vt. [ME dashen, to strike, rush < Scand, as in Swed daska, Dan dashe, slap; prob. of echoic orig.] 1 to throw so as to break; smash 2 to strike with violence 3 to throw, knock, or thrust:



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DARTS AND DARTBOARD

with away, down, against, etc. 4 to splash or spatter (liquid) on (someone or something) 5 to mix with a little of another substance 6 to destroy; frustrate (to dash one's hopes) 7 to depress; discourage 8 to put to shame; abash 9 [euphemism for DAMN] [Old Informal] to damn: usually in the imperative as a mild curse —vi. 1 to strike violently (against or on) 2 to move swiftly or impetuously; rush —n. 1 the effect or sound of smashing or splashing 2 a bit of something added (a dash of salt) 3 a sudden, swift movement; rush *4 a short, fast run or race 5 spirited quality; vigor; verve 6 striking or showy appearance or display 7 DASHBOARD (sense 2) 8 a hasty stroke with pen or brush 9 either of two marks (— or —), used in printing and writing to indicate a break in sentence structure, a parenthetical element, or to connect numbers showing a range of dates, times, etc.: see also EM DASH 10 Telegraphy a long sound or signal, as in Morse code: cf. DOT¹ —cut a dash [Informal] to make a striking appearance or impression —dash off 1 to do or write hastily 2 to rush away

dash² (dash) n. in W Africa, a) a gift or tip offered to get better service b) a bribe c) bribery

dash-board (dash'bōrd) n. 1 [Historical] a screen at the front or side of a carriage, boat, etc. for protection against splashing 2 a panel below the windshield with controls and gauges on it, as in an automobile

da-sheen (da shēn) n. [< ?] TARO

dasher (dash'ər) n. 1 a person or thing that dashes 2 a device for agitating milk or cream in a churn or ice-cream freezer 3 [Informal] a person full of dash or spirit

*da-shiki (dā shē'kē, dā-) n. [said to be of Yoruba orig., but prob. coined (1967) by J. Benning, its U.S. manufacturer] a loosefitting, usually brightly colored, robe or tunic modeled after an African tribal garment

dash-ing (dash'ing) adj. 1 full of dash or spirit; bold and lively 2 showy; striking; stylish —dash'ingly adv.

dash light a light to illuminate a dashboard in a motor vehicle

Dasht-e-Kavir (dash'tē kā vir') large salt-desert plateau in NC Iran: c. 18,000 sq mi (46,620 sq km)

Dasht-e-Lut (dash'tē lūt') vast desert region of central and SE Iran, extending southward from the Dasht-e-Kavir

das-sie (das'ē, dās'ē) n. [Afrik] HYRAX

das-tard (das'tōrd) n. [ME, a craven, prob. < Scand base, as in ON dasast, to become exhausted (see DAZE) + ME -ard, -ard] a sneaky, cowardly evildoer

das-tardly (-lē) adj. of or like a dastard; mean and cowardly —SYN. COWARDLY —das'tard-li-ness n.

da-sym-eter (dā sim'ə tar, da-) n. [< Gr dasys, dense (? akin to L densus, DENSE) + -METER] a device for measuring the density of gases

dasy-ure (das'ē yoor') n. [ModL dasyurus < Gr dasys, thick, hairy + oura, tail: see URO-²] any of a family (Dasyuridae) of small, mostly Australian marsupials that feed on flesh or insects

Dat abbrev. dative

DAT (dat) n. DIGITAL AUDIO TAPE: also treated as an abbreviation

data (dāt'ə, dat'ə; Brit also dāt'to) pl. n. [pl. of DATUM: still often so used by scientists] [now usually with sing. u.] 1 facts or figures to be processed; evidence, records, statistics, etc. from which conclusions can be inferred; information 2 information in a form suitable for storing and processing by a computer

data-base (-bās') n. 1 a large collection of data in a computer, organized so that it can be expanded, updated, and retrieved rapidly for various uses 2 a large or extensive collection of information Also data base or da'ta-bank' (-hæŋk')

data processing the rapid recording and handling of large amounts of information, as business data, by means of mechanical or, esp., computer equipment

data processor a machine, esp. a computer, that performs data processing

da-tary (dāt'ər ə) n., pl. -ries [ML datarius, official of the Roman chancery < L, to be given away < datus: see fol.] R.C.Ch. a former office of the Curia, in charge of papal benefices

date¹ (dāt) n. [ME < OFr < L data, fem. of datus, pp. of dare, to give (the first word in Roman letters, giving the place and time of writing, as data Romae, lit., given at Rome) < IE base *dā-, to give > Gr dōron, gift, didonai, to give, Russ dat', to give] 1 a statement as on a writing or coin specifying when it was made 2 the time at which a thing happens or is done 3 the time that anything lasts or goes on 4 [pl.] a person's birth and death dates, usually expressed in years 5 the day of the month *6 a) an appointment for a set time, esp. one for a social engagement with a person of the opposite sex b) such an engagement c) a person of the opposite sex with whom one has such an engagement —vt. dat'ed, dat'ing 1 to mark (a letter, etc.) with a date 2 to find out, determine, set, or record the date of 3 to assign a date to 4 a) to show or reveal as typical of a certain period or age b) to make seem old-fashioned or out-of-date 5 to reckon by dates 6 to have a social engagement or engagements with —vi. 1 to belong to, or have origin in, a definite period in the past: usually with from *2 to have social engagements with persons of the opposite sex —to date until now; as yet —up to date in or into agreement with the latest facts, ideas, styles, etc. —dat'-able adj. or date'-able —dat'er n.

date² (dāt) n. [ME < OFr < L dactylus < Gr daktylos, a date, prob. < Sem, as in Ar dāqal, date palm] 1 the sweet, fleshy fruit of the date palm, having a large, hard seed 2 DATE PALM

date-book (dāt'book) n. a notebook for entering upcoming social or business appointments, birthdays and anniversaries, etc.

dat'ed (dāt'id) adj. 1 marked with a date [contains dated material] 2 out-of-date or old-fashioned

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