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darkle *Vdārl-kly*, v [dark-led; dark-ling *Vdāk-ling*] [back-formation fr. *darkling*] (1800) 1 : a : to grow dark b : to become clouded or gloomy *Vdārl-lygh*, n/f [ME *darklyng*; fr. *dark* dark + -ling -ling] darkly, v in the dark

darkling adj (1739) 1 : DARK 2 : done or taking place in the dark darkling beetle n (1816) : a usu. hard-bodied black sluggish terrestrial plant-eating beetle (family Tenebrionidae)

dark reaction n (1927) : the synthetic phase of photosynthesis that does not require the presence of light and that involves the reduction of carbon dioxide to form carbohydrate

darkroom *Vdārk-ruim*, -krūm, n (1841) : a room with no light or with a sufficient lack of light for handling and processing light-sensitive photographic materials

darksome *Vdār-kəm*, adj [ca. 1530] : gloomily somber; DARK

darky also darkie *Vdārk-ki*, n, pl darkies (1775) : NEGRO — often taken as offensive

darkling *Vdārl-ling* = [ME *derling*; fr. OE *derlinc*, fr. *derre* dear] (bef. 12c) 1 : a dearly loved person 2 : FAVORITE

darkling adj (1509) 1 : dearly loved; FAVORITE 2 : very pleasing charming — darklingly *lī-ling*, adv — darklingness n

darkling *Vdāln*, ab [prob. fr. F *dal*, *darne*] v (1600) 1 : to mend with interlacing stitches 2 : to embroider by filling in with long running or interlacing stitches ~ v to do darkling — dark-en n

darkness n (1720) : a place that has been darked (a sweater full of ~s)

darken v (1781) : EUPHEMISM — DAMNED

darken ab (1787) : DAMN — darkened *Vdārn-d*, adj or adv

darken s (1840) : DAMN

darken *Vdārn-n*, v [ME] (14c) : any of several usu. weedy grasses (genus *Lolium*)

dark needle n (1761) 1 : a long needle with a large eye for use in darkening 2 : DRAGONFLY, DAMSELFLY

dark *Vdārk*, n [ME, fr. MF, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG *dur* dart, OE *duru*] (14c) 1 : archaic : a light spear b (1) : a small missile usu. with a pointed shaft at one end and feathers at the other (2) pt but sing in cast; a game in which darts are thrown at a target 2 : a : something projected with sudden speed; esp : a sharp glance b : something with a slender pointed shaft or stalklike specif : a stitched tapering fold in a garment 4 : a quick movement (made a ~ for the door)

dart n (1509) 1 : to throw with a sudden movement 2 : to thrust or move with sudden speed ~ v to move suddenly or rapidly (~ed across the street)

dart board n (1901) : a usu. circular board (as of compressed bristles) used as a target in the game of darts

darter *Vdārt-ər*, n (1813) 1 : ANHINGA 2 : any of numerous small American freshwater percoid fishes (genus *Anhinga*, *Etheostoma*, and *Percina* of the family *Percidae*)

Darwinian *Vdār-īn-ē-an*, adj (1860) : of or relating to Charles Darwin, his theories, or his followers — Darwinian n

Darwinism *Vdār-wīz-əm*, n (1860) : a theory of the origin and perpetuation of new species of animals and plants that offspring of a given organism vary, that natural selection favors the survival of some of these variations over others, that new species have arisen and may continue to arise by these processes, and that widely divergent groups of plants and animals have arisen from the same ancestors; broadly : biological evolutionism — Darwinist *Vdār-wīst*, n or adj

Darwin's finches *Vdār-wāns*, n pl [Charles Darwin] (1947) : finches of a subfamily (Genospizinae) having great variation in bill shape and confined mostly to the Galapagos islands

Darwin tulip *Vdār-wān-k*, n (1889) : a tall late-flowering tulip with the flowers single and of one color

dash *Vdash*, vb [ME *dashen*] vt (14c) 1 : to knock, hurl, or thrust violently 2 : to break by striking or knocking 3 : SPLASH, SPATTER 4 : a : RUM, DESTROY (the news ~ed his hopes) b : DEPRESS, SADDEN c : to make ashamed 5 : to affect by mixing in something different (mix ~ed with brandy) One delight was ~ed with bitterness over the delay. 6 : to complete, execute, or finish off hastily — used with down or off (~ed down a drink) (~ off a letter) 7 [euphemism]: flounce 8 : DASHBOARD 2

dash-board *Vdash-hōrd*, -hōfərd, n (1846) 1 : a screen on the front of a usu. horse-drawn vehicle to intercept water, mud, or snow 2 : a panel extending across an automobile, airplane, or motorboat below the windshield and usu. containing dials and controls

dash-dot *Vdash-t*, adj (ca. 1889) : made up of a series of dashes (a ~ line)

dashen *Vdash-en*, dash-en, n [origin unknown] (ca. 1890) : TARO

asher *Vdash-ər*, n (1790) 1 : a dashing person 2 : one that dashes; specif : a device having blades for agitating a liquid or semisolid

dash *Vdash-ə*, n [fr. L. *datu*, broth] (ca. 1951) : a fish broth made from dried bonito

dashiki *Vdash-shé-kē*, n [modif. of Yoruba *danshiki*] (ca. 1968) : a usu. brightly colored loose-fitting padded garment

dash-line adj (1796) 1 : marked by vigorous action : SPIRITED (a ~ young horse) 2 : marked by smartness esp. in dress and manners — dashingly *lī-ly*, adv

dashpad *Vdash-pad*, n (1861) : a device for cushioning or damping a movement (as of a mechanical part) to avoid shock

dashard *Vdash-ər*, n [Afrik.] (1786) : HYRAX

dashard *Vdash-ər*, n [ME] (15c) : EDWARD; esp : one who commits treacherous acts

cowardly *lī-ly*, adj (1576) : despicably mean or cowardly — see *COWARDLY* — cowardliness n

data *Vdātə*, dat-a, dat-also *dat-l*, n, pl *dat* sing or pl in count, often attrib [L. *datum*] (1663) : factual information for measurements or statistics

plentiful and easily available — H. A. Gleason, Jr. — (comprehensive ~ on economic growth have been published — N. H. Jacoby)

usage Although still occas. marked with a disapproving [sic], data is well established both as a singular and as a plural noun. The singular data is regularly used as a mass noun denoting a collection of material; it is almost never used as a count noun equivalent to datum. Our evidence shows plural use to be considerably more common than singular use.

data bank n (ca. 1966) : DATA BASE

data base n (1967) : a collection of data organized esp. for rapid search and retrieval (as by a computer)

data processing n (1954) : the converting of raw data to machine-readable form and its subsequent processing (as storing, updating, combining, rearranging, or printing out) by a computer — data processor n

date *Vdāt*, n [ME, fr. OF, deriv. of L *dactylus* — more at DACTYL] (13c) 1 : the oblong edible fruit of a palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) 2 : the tall palm with pinnate leaves that yields the date

date n [ME, fr. MF, fr. LL data, fr. L. *datu* given at Rome], fem. of L *datu*, pp. of *datu* to give; akin to L *datu* gift, dowry, Gr *didōtai* to give] (14c) 1 a : the time at which an event occurs (the ~ of his birth) b : a statement of the time of execution or making (the ~ on the letter) 2 : DURATION 3 : the period of time to which something belongs 4 a : an appointment for a specified time esp. a social engagement between two persons of opposite sex b : a person of the opposite sex with whom one has a social engagement 5 : an engagement for a professional performance (as of a dancer) — to date: up to the present moment

date vb dated; **dating** vt (15c) 1 : to determine the date of (~ an antique) 2 : to record the date of : mark with the date 3 a : to mark with characteristics typical of a particular period b : to show up plainly the age of 4 : to make or have a date with ~ n 1 : to reckon chronologically 2 : ORIGINATE (a friendship dating from college days) 3 : to become dated — dateable or datable *Vdat-ə-bəl*, adj — dater *Vdat-ər*, n

dated adj (1731) 1 : provided with a date (a ~ document) 2 : OUT-OF-DATE, OLD-FASHIONED (~ formalities) — dated-ly adv — dated-ness n

dateless *Vdālt-ls*, adj (1593) 1 : ENDLESS 2 : having no date 3 : too ancient to be dated 4 : TIMELESS (the play's ~ theme)

date-line *Vdat-līn*, n (1888) 1 : a line in a written document or a printed publication giving the date and place of composition or issue 2 *usu. date line* : a hypothetical line approximately along the 180th meridian designated as the place where each calendar day begins — date-line n

dating bar n (1967) : a bar that caters esp. to young unmarried men and women

dat-ive *Vdītiv*, adv [ME *diftiv*, fr. L *dativus*, lit., relating to giving, fr. *datu*] (15c) : us, relating to, or being the grammatical case that marks typically the indirect object of a verb, the object of some prepositions, or a possessor

dat-ive n (15c) : a dative case or form

dat-ive bond n [fr. the donation of electrons by one of the atoms] (ca. 1929) : COORDINATE BOND

dat-um *Vdat-əm*, 'dat, 'dat-i n [L, fr. neut. of *datu*] (1646) 1 pl *dati* 2 a : something given or admitted esp. as a basis for reasoning or inference 2 pl *datums* : something used as a basis for calculating or measuring usage see DATA

dat-ura *Vdār-ə*, 'dār, n [NL, genus name, fr. Hindi *dhāñjī* jimsonweed] (1598) : any of a genus (*Datura*) of widely distributed strong-scented herbs, shrubs, or trees of the nightshade family including some used as sources of medicinal alkaloids (as stramonium) or in folk rites or illicitly for their poisonous, narcotic, or hallucinogenic properties — compare JIMSONWEED

daub *Vdashb*, 'dashb, 'dashb, vb [ME *dauber*, fr. MF *dauber*] vt (14c) 1 : to cover or coat with soft adhesive matter : PLASTER 2 : to coat with a dirty substance 3 a : to apply coloring material crudely to b : to apply (as paint) crudely ~ vi 1 : archaic : to put on a false exterior 2 : to apply colors crudely — dauber n

daub n (15c) 1 : material used to daub walls 2 : an act or instance of daubing 3 : something daubed on : SMEAR 4 : a crude picture

daub *Vdashb*, n [F, prob. fr. obs. It *dabbe*] (1723) : a stew of braised meat, vegetables, herbs, and spices

daugh-ter *Vdāt-ər*, 'dāt-ər n [ME daughter, fr. OE *dohfer*; akin to OHG *tohfer*, Gr *thugatēr*] (12c) 1 a : a human female having the relation of child to parent (2) : a female offspring of a lower animal b : a human female having a specified ancestor or belonging to a group of common ancestry 2 : something considered as a daughter (the United States is a ~ of Great Britain) 3 : an atomic species that is the product of the radioactive decay of a given element — daughterless *Vdār-ls*, adj

daughter adj (1614) 1 : having the characteristics or relationship of a daughter 2 : belonging to the first generation of offspring, organelles, or molecules produced by reproduction, division, or replication (~ cell) (~ DNA molecules)

daugh-ter-in-law *Vdāt-ə-in-lw*, 'dāt-ə-in-lw, n, pl daugh-ters-in-law *lōz-ən-ə* (14c) : the wife of one's son

das-na-my-cin *Vdash-na-mīs-ən*, das-nā- *n* [assumed] It dasnomicin, fr. Denia, ancient region of Apulia, Italy + It -a- + -mīcīna -mīcīn

das-na-my-cin (1964) : an antibiotic $C_{20}H_{30}NO_6$ that is a nitrogenous glycoside and is used as an antineoplastic agent

das-na-ru-hi-cin *Vdash-na-rū-hi-sən*, das-nā- *rū-hi-sən* [as in dasunomycin] + L *rabes* red + -cin — more at REDI] (ca. 1968) : DAUNOMYCIN

daunt *Vdash-t*, 'dash-t, vt [ME daunten, fr. MF *daunter*, alter. of *daunter*, fr. L *daunire* to tame, fr. *dominare*, pp. of *dominare* — more at TAME] (14c) 1 : to lessen the courage of : COW. SUBDUDE ~ syn see DISMAY — dauntingly *lī-ly*, adv

\dash about \dash kitten, F table \dash further \dash ash \dash ice \dash off, cart \dash out \dash chin \dash bet \dash easy \dash go \dash hit \dash ice \dash job \dash sing \dash go \dash law \dash boy \dash thin \dash the \dash last \dash foot