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Definition of *encounter* in English:

encounter



VERB

[WITH OBJECT]

1 Unexpectedly be faced with or experience (something hostile or difficult)

'we have encountered one small problem'

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2 Meet (someone) unexpectedly.

'what do we know about the people we encounter in our daily lives?'

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NOUN

1 An unexpected or casual meeting with someone or something.

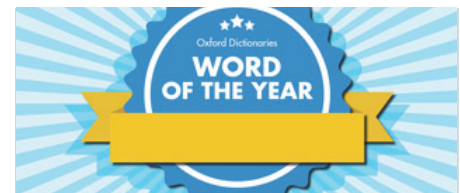
'she felt totally unnerved by the encounter'

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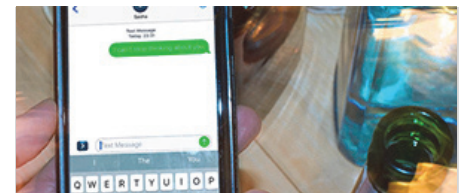
1.1 A confrontation or unpleasant struggle.

'his close encounter with death'

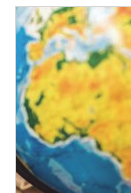
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- 1.2 *South Asian* A violent incident in which a suspected criminal is killed by a member of the police, especially under controversial circumstances.

'he was shot dead in a police encounter'

[as modifier] 'officers responsible for encounter killings'

Origin

Middle English (in the senses 'meet as an adversary' and 'a meeting of adversaries'; formerly also as incounter): from Old French encontrer (verb), encontre (noun), based on Latin in- 'in' + contra 'against'.

Pronunciation

encounter /ɛnˈkaʊntə/ /ɪnˈkaʊntə/

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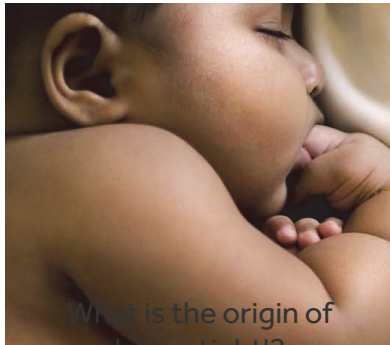
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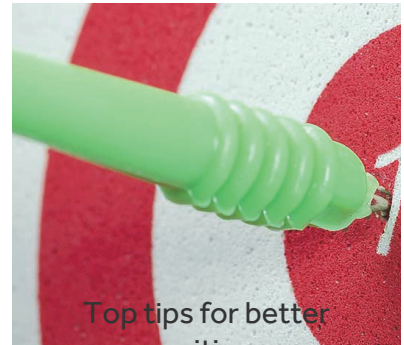
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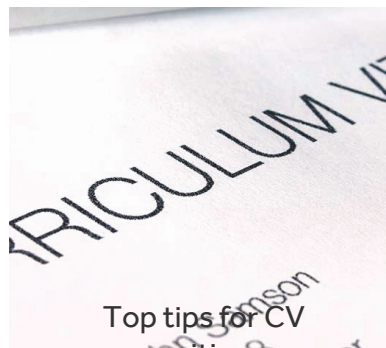
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