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dramatic monologue *n* (ca. 1935) : a literary work (as a poem) in which a speaker's character is revealed in a monologue usu. addressed to a second person

dra-mat-ics \dra-'ma-tiks\ *n pl but sing or pl in constr* (1796) 1 : the study or practice of theatrical arts (as acting and stagecraft) 2 : dramatic behavior or expression

dra-ma-tic uni-ties *n pl* (ca. 1922) : the unities of time, place, and action that are observed in classical drama

dra-ma-ti-sa-tion, **dra-ma-tise** *Brit var of* DRAMATIZATION, DRAMATIZE

dra-ma-tis per-so-nae \dra-ma-tas-par-'sō-(ō)-nē, -drā-, -nī\ *n pl* [NL] (1730) 1 : the characters or actors in a drama 2 *sing in constr* : a list of the characters or actors in a drama 3 : people who figure prominently in something (as an event)

dra-ma-tist \dra-ma-'tist, -drā-'n\ (1678) : PLAYWRIGHT

dra-ma-ti-za-tion \dra-ma-ta-'zā-shən, -drā-'n\ (1796) 1 : the action of dramatizing 2 : a dramatized version (as of a novel)

dra-ma-tize \dra-ma-'tīz, -drā-'v\ *vb -tized; -tizing* *vt* (1783) 1 : to adapt (as a novel) for theatrical presentation 2 : to present or represent in a dramatic manner ~ *vi* 1 : to be suitable for dramatization 2 : to behave dramatically — **dra-ma-ti-ze** \-tī-zə-'bal\ *adj*

dra-ma-tur-gic or **dra-ma-turg** \dra-ma-'tɔrj, -drā-'n\ (1870) : a specialist in dramaturgy

dra-ma-tur-gy \dra-ma-'tɔr-jē, -drā-'n\ [G *Dramaturgie*, fr. Gk *dramaturgia* dramatic composition, fr. *dramat-*, *drama* + *-ourgia* -urgy] (1801) : the art or technique of dramatic composition and theatrical representation — **dra-ma-tur-gic** \dra-ma-'tɔr-jik, -drā-'v\ or **dra-ma-tur-gi-cal** \-jī-ka\ *adj*

dra-ma-tur-gi-cal-ly \-jī-ka-'lē\ *adv* 1 : in the manner of drama 2 : as if in a drama (as a film or television show) having dramatic moments

dra-mock \dra-mak\ [ScGael *dramag*] (1562) chiefly *Scot* : raw oatmeal mixed with cold water

dra-ma-shop \dra-ma-'shəp\ (1725) : BARROOM

drank *past and past part of* DRINK

drap \drəp\ *vb draped; draping* [prob. back-formation fr. *drapery*] *vt* (1847) 1 : to cover or adorn with or as if with folds of cloth 2 : to arrange in flowing lines or folds ~ *vi* : to become arranged in folds (this silk ~s beautifully) — **drap-abil-ty** also **drap-ability** \dra-pə-'bi-lə-tē\ *adv*

drap-able also **drap-able** \dra-pə-'bəl\ *adj*

drap *n* (1889) 1 : arrangement in or of folds 2 *a* : a drapery esp. for a window : CURTAIN 3 : a sterile covering used in an operating room : usu. used in pl. 3 : the cut or hang of clothing — **drap-ey** \dra-pē\ *adj*

drap-er \dra-pə-'r\ [ME, weaver, clothier, fr. AF *draper*, fr. *drap* cloth — more at DRAB] (14c) chiefly *Brit* : a dealer in cloth and sometimes also in clothing and dry goods

drap-ery \dra-pə-'rē\ *n pl -eries* (14c) 1 *Brit* : DRY GOODS 2 *a* : a decorative piece of material usu. hung in loose folds and arranged in a graceful design 3 : hangings of heavy fabric for use as a curtain

dras-tic \dra-'stik\ *adj* [Gk *drastikos*, fr. *dran* to do] (ca. 1691) 1 : acting rapidly or violently (a ~ purgative) 2 : extreme in effect or action : SEVERE (~ measures) — **dras-ti-cal-ly** \-tī-ka-'lē\ *adv*

drat \drat\ *vb dratted; dratting* [prob. euphemistic alter. of *God rot*] (1815) : DAMN — used as a mild oath

draught \draʊt\, **draughty** \draʊt-ē\ chiefly *Brit var of* DRAFT, DRAFTY

draughts \draʊts\ *n pl but sing or pl in constr* [ME *draughtes*, fr. pl. of *draught*, *draught* *n* (15c) *Brit* : CHESS

draughts-man chiefly *Brit var of* DRAFTSMAN

dra-vid-i-an \dra-'vī-dē-on\ [Skt *Draṇīda*] (1856) 1 : a member of an ancient dark-skinned people of southern India 2 : DRAVIDIAN LANGUAGES — **Dravidian** *adj*

Dravidian languages *n pl* (1871) : a language family of India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan that includes Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam

draw \drow\, **drew** \drow\, **drawn** \draʊn\, **drawing** \draʊ-ŋ\ *vb* [ME *drawen*, *dragen*, fr. OE *dragan*, akin *Drōn draga* to draw, drag] *vt* (bef. 12c) 1 : to cause to move continuously toward or after a force applied in advance : PULL (~ your chair up by the fire) as *a* : to move (as a covering) over or to one side (~ the drapes) 3 *a* : to pull up or out of a receptacle or place where seated or carried (~ water from the well) (~ draw a gun); also : to cause to come out of a container or source (~ water for a bath) (the nurse *drew* a blood sample) (the wound *drew* blood) 2 : to cause to go in a certain direction (as by leading) (*drew* him aside) 3 *a* : to bring by inducement or allure : ATTRACT (honey ~s flies) 3 *b* : to bring in or gather from a specified group or area (a college that ~s its students from many states) 3 *c* : BRING ON, PROVOKE (*drew* enemy fire) 3 *d* : to bring out by way of response : ELICIT (*drew* cheers from the audience) 3 *e* : to receive in the course of play (the batter *drew* a walk) (~ a foul) 4 : INHALE (*drew* a deep breath) 5 *a* : to extract the essence from (~ tea) 5 *b* : EVISCERATE (plucking and ~ing a goose before cooking) 6 : to derive to one's benefit (*drew* inspiration from the old masters) 6 : to require (a specified depth) to float in (a ship that ~s 12 feet of water) 7 *a* : ACCUMULATE, GAIN (~ing interest) 7 *b* : to take (money) from a place of deposit 7 *c* : to use in making a cash demand (~ing a check against his account) 7 *d* : to receive ~ regularly or in due course (~ a salary) 8 *a* : to take (cards) from a stock or from the dealer 8 *b* : to receive ~ take at ~ from (draw a winning number) 9 : to bend (a bow) by pulling back the string 10 : to cause to shrink, contract, or tighten 11 *a* : to strike (a ball) so as to impart a backward spin 11 *b* : to strike (a golf ball) so that a slight to moderate hook results 12 : to leave (a contest) undecided : TIE 13 *a* (1) : to produce a likeness or representation of by making lines on a surface (~ a picture) (~ a graph with chalk) (2) : to give a part of a stylus or a pen to a writer who ~s character in ~ing (b) : to write out in due course (~ a will) 14 : to design or describe in detail : FORMULATE (~ comparisons) 14 : to infer from evidence or premises (~ a conclusion) 15 : to spread or elongate (metal) by stretching or by pulling through dies; also : to shape (as plastic) by stretching or by pulling through dies ~ *vi* 1 : to come or go steadily or gradually (~ing at ~ near) 2 *a* : to move something by pulling (~ing at the well) 2 *b* : to exert an attractive force (the play is ~ing well) 3 *a* : to pull back bowstring 3 *b* : to bring out a weapon (~draw aimed, and fired) 4 *a* : to produce a draft (the chimney ~s well) (~

on a cigar) 4 *b* : to swell out in a wind (all sails ~ing) 5 *a* : to wrinkle or tighten up : SHRINK 5 *b* : to change shape by pulling or stretching 6 : to cause blood or pus to localize at one point 7 : to create a likeness or a picture in outlines : SKETCH 8 : to come out even in a contest 9 *a* : to make a written demand for payment of money on deposit 9 *b* : to obtain resources (as of information) (~ing from a common fund of knowledge) — **draw-able** \-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **draw a bead on** : to take aim at — **draw a blank** : to fail to gain a desired object (as information sought); also : to be unable to think of something — **draw on** or **draw upon** : to use as a source of supply (*drawing* on the whole community for support) — **draw straws** : to decide or assign something by lottery in which straws of unequal length are used — **draw the line** or **draw a line** 1 : to fix an arbitrary boundary between things that tend to intermingling 2 : to fix a boundary excluding what one will not tolerate or engage in

draw *n* (1663) 1 : the act or process of drawing; as *a* : a sucking pull on something held with the lips 3 *a* : removal of a handgun from its holster (quick on the ~) 3 *c* : backward spin given to a ball by striking it below center — compare FOLLOW 2 : something that is drawn; as *a* : a card drawn to replace a discard in poker 3 *a* : lot or chance drawn at random 3 *b* : the movable part of a drawbridge 3 *c* : a contest left undecided or deadlocked : TIE 4 : one that draws attention or patronage : ATTRACTION 5 *a* : the distance from the string to the back of a drawn bow 5 *b* : the force required to draw a bow fully 6 : a gully shallower than a ravine 7 : the deal in draw poker to improve the players' hands after discarding 8 : a football play that simulates a pass play so a runner can go straight up the middle past the pass rushers 9 : a slight to moderate and usu. intentional hook in golf

draw away *vi* (1670) : to move ahead (as of an opponent in a race)

draw-back \drō-'bak\ *n* (1697) 1 : a refund of duties esp. on an imported product subsequently exported or used to produce a product for export 2 : an objectionable feature : DISADVANTAGE

draw back \drō-'bak\ *vi* (14c) : to avoid an issue or commitment

draw-bar \drō-'bār\ (1839) 1 : a railroad coupler 2 : a beam across the rear of a vehicle (as a tractor) to which implements are hitched

draw-bridge \-brīj\ (14c) : a bridge made to be raised up, let down, or drawn aside so as to permit or hinder passage — see CASTLE illustration

draw-down \-daʊn\ (1918) 1 : a lowering of a water level (as in a reservoir) 2 *a* : the process of depleting 3 *b* : REDUCTION

draw down \drō-'daʊn\ *vt* (1949) : to deplete by using or spending

draw-ee \drō-'lē\ *n* (1766) : the party on which an order or bill of exchange is drawn

draw-er \drō-(ə)r\ (14c) 1 : one that draws; as *a* : a person who draws liquor 3 *b* : DRAFTSMAN 3 *c* : one that draws a bill of exchange or order for payment or makes a promissory note 2 *adj* also \drō- : a sliding box or receptacle opened by pulling out and closed by pushing in 3 *adj* also \drō- *pl* : an article of clothing (as underwear) for the lower body — **drawer-ful** \-fūl\ *n*

draw in *vt* (1558) 1 : to cause or entice to enter or participate 2 : to sketch roughly ~ *vi* 1 *a* : to draw to an end (the *draw* in) 2 *b* : to shorten seasonally (the evenings are already *drawing* in) 2 : to become more cautious or economical

drawing \drō-'ŋ\ *n* (14c) 1 : an act or instance of drawing; esp. the process of deciding something by drawing lots 2 : the art or technique of representing an object or outlining a figure, plan, or sketch by means of lines 3 : something drawn or subject to drawing; as *a* : an amount drawn from a fund 3 *b* : a representation formed by drawing : SKETCH

drawing account (1885) : an account showing payments made to an employee in advance of actual earnings or for traveling expenses

drawing board (1725) 1 : a board used as a base for drafting on paper 2 : a planning stage (a project still on the *drawing board*)

drawing card (1886) : one that attracts attention or patronage

drawing pin (1859) *Brit* : THUMBTRACK

drawing room [short for *withdrawing room*] (1642) 1 *a* : a formal reception room 3 *a* : a private room on a railroad passenger car with three berths and an enclosed toilet 2 : a formal reception

drawing table (1706) : a table with a surface adjustable for elevation and angle of incline

draw-knife \drō-'nī\ (1677) : a woodworker's tool consisting of a blade with a handle at each end for use in shaving off surfaces

drawl \drōl\ *vb* [prob. freq. of *draw*] *vt* (1598) : to speak slowly with vowels greatly prolonged ~ *vi* : to utter in a slow lengthened tone — **drawl-er** *n* — **drawl-ing-ly** \drō-lī-'lē\ *adv*

drawl *n* (ca. 1742) : a drawing manner of speaking — **drawly** \drō-'lē\ *adj*

drawn *past part of* DRAW

drawn \drōn, -drān\ *adj* (1613) : showing the effects of tension, pain, or illness : HAGGARD (a face ~ with pain)

drawn butter (ca. 1740) : melted clarified butter

drawn-work \drōn-'wɔrk\ (1594) : decoration on cloth made by drawing out threads according to a pattern

draw off *vi* (13c) : REMOVE, WITHDRAW ~ *vi* : to move apart or ahead

draw on *vi* (15c) : APPROACH (night *draws on*)

draw out *vt* (14c) 1 : REMOVE, EXTRACT 2 : to elicit

draw out *in time* : PROTRACT 2 3 : to cause to speak freely (a reporter's ability to *draw* a person out)

draw-plate \drō-'plāt\ (1793) : a die with holes through which wires are drawn

draw play (1952) : DRAW 8

draw poker (1849) : poker in which each player is dealt five cards face down and after betting may get replacements for discards

draw-shave \drō-'shāv\ (1828) : DRAWKNIPE

draw shot (1897) : a shot in billiards or pool made by hitting the cue ball with draw so it moves back after striking the object ball

\ə/ about \ə/ kitten, F table \ər/ further \ə/ ash \ə/ ace \ə/ mop, mar \ə/ out \ch/ chin \e/ bet \e/ easy \ə/ go \ə/ hit \ə/ ice \ə/ job \ŋ/ sing \ə/ go \ə/ law \ə/ boy \th/ thin \ð/ the \ū/ foot \ū/ foot \ə/ yet \ə/ vision, beige \k/, ʰ, ce, te, ʰ/ see Guide to Pronunciation