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**PAINT YOUR WAY
WITH RUST-OLEUM**

distributed adjective

dis·trib·ut·ed (di-'stri-byü-təd ◀▶) also -byə-, British also 'di-stri-,byü-

[Synonyms of distributed >](#)

- 1 : characterized by a statistical [distribution](#) of a particular kind
a normally *distributed* random variable
- 2 **computing** : having at least some of the processing done by the individual workstations and having information shared by and often stored at the workstations
a *distributed* network
... makes it possible to take massive tasks and spread them out over a large number of personal computers—a practice called *distributed* computing.
— J. Bonasia



Recent Examples on the Web

And much of the recent methane rise has come not from individual large emitters, but from more *distributed* sources, including tropical wetlands, which could be emitting more methane in response to warming.

— Bypaul Voosen, *science.org*, 3 Feb. 2023

But many companies are still struggling with *distributed* work, where employees collaborate from both in-office and remote environments.

— Mark Cruth, *Quartz*, 30 Jan. 2023

Since research is becoming more *distributed* and geographically diverse, companies that have multinational teams can use Benchling to work together.

— John Cumbers, *Forbes*, 23 June 2021

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First Known Use

1968, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *distributed* was in 1968

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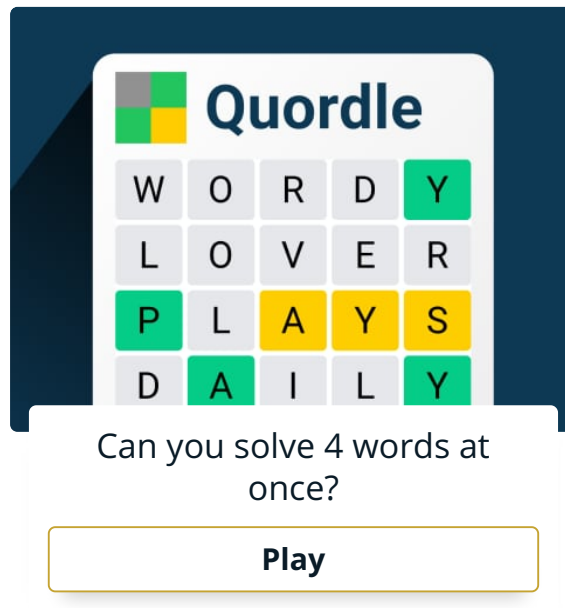
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Other Words for Lying**

Trust us

**Skunk, Bayou, and Other
Words with Native
American Origins**

You've used more than you
might think

**Words For Things You
Didn't Know Have
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When 'thingamajig' and
'thingamabob' just won't do

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How 'literally' can mean 'figuratively'

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'Affect' and 'Effect'**

A simple way to keep them
apart. (Most of the time.)

**Why Is There a 'C' in
'Indict'?**

And who put it there,
anyway?

'Everyday' vs. 'Every Day'

A simple trick to keep them
separate

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Name That Dish!

Some mouth-watering food
for thought

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