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purportedly adverb

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— Akash Kapur, *The New Yorker*, 18 Jan. 2021

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— Cristiano Lima, *Washington Post*, 21 June 2023

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1942, in the meaning defined [above](#)



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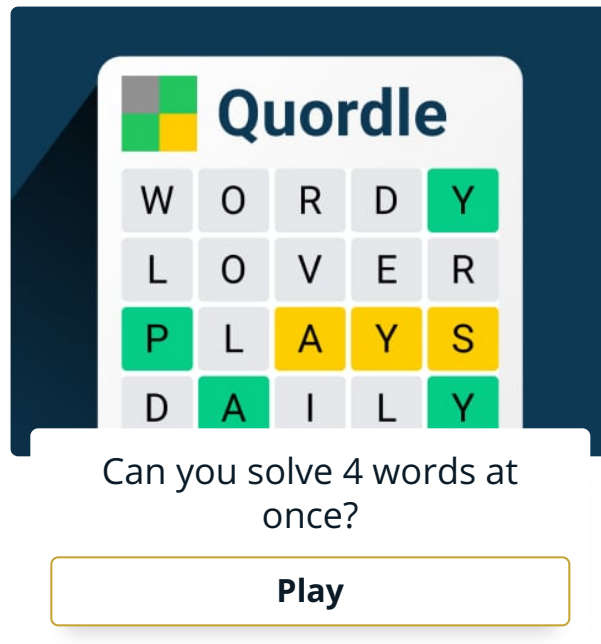
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