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cavity noun

cav·i·ty ('ka-və-tē)

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- 1 : an unfilled space within a mass
| *especially* : a hollowed-out space
- 2 : an area of decay in a tooth : **CARIES**

Synonyms

concavity	dent
depression	dint
hole	hollow
indentation	indenture
pit	recess

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Examples of *cavity* in a Sentence

Some birds nest in tree **cavities**.

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Fluoride has helped decrease the number of **cavities**, which are essentially infections that could cause greater bodily harm if left untreated, Polite said.

— Alexandra Kukulka, *Chicago Tribune*, 26 Jan. 2025

By eliminating the reliance on acoustic **cavities** or resonance, the new ATH-R70xa depends solely on the drivers for its sonic performance with every movement of the diaphragm translating directly into sound.

— Mark Sparrow, *Forbes*, 23 Jan. 2025

Pretty much the only thing not high-tech on this machine is the bag roll storage, which is just a **cavity** on the back of the unit with a hinged cover.

— Adam Campbell-Schmitt, *Bon Appétit*, 27 Jan. 2025

The team envisions using it as a living filling that would essentially regrow space formed by a **cavity**.

— Paul Smaglik, *Discover Magazine*, 24 Jan. 2025

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Word History**Etymology**

borrowed from Middle French & Late Latin; Middle French *cavité*, borrowed from Late Latin *cavitāt-*, *cavitās*, from Latin *cavus* "hollow, concave" + *-itāt-*, *-itās* **-ITY** — more at [HOLE entry 1](#)

First Known Use

1541, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

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lung *cavity*
- 2 : a hole hollowed out in a tooth by decay

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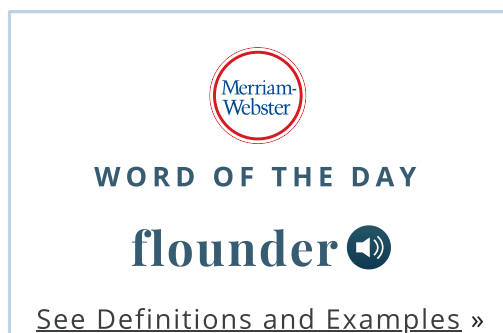
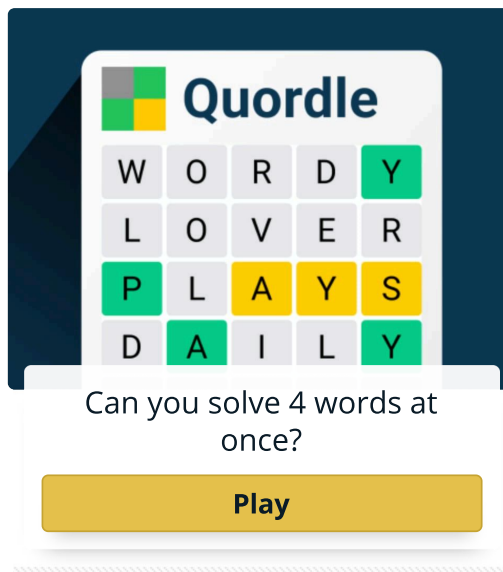
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