

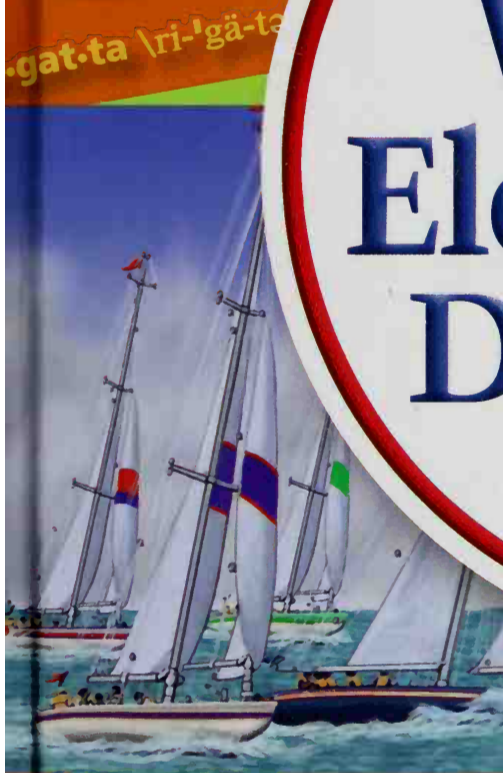
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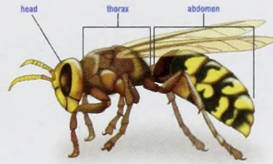


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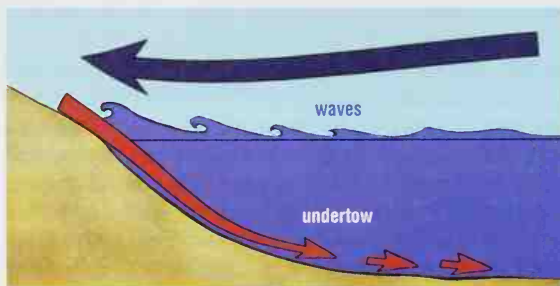
un-der-take \,ən-dər-'tāk\ *vb* **un-der-took** \-'túk\; **un-der-tak-en** \-'tā-kən\; **un-der-tak-ing** 1 : to plan or try to accomplish <They *undertook* a trip around the world.> 2 : to take on as a responsibility : AGREE <I *undertake* to deliver your package.>

un-der-tak-er \,ən-dər-,tā-kər\ *n* : a person whose business is to prepare the dead for burial and to take charge of funerals

un-der-tak-ing \,ən-dər-,tā-kiŋ\ *n* : an important or difficult task or project <Creating a mural is a big *undertaking*.>

un-der-tone \,ən-dər-,tōn\ *n* 1 : a low or quiet voice <They spoke in *undertones*.> 2 : a partly hidden feeling or meaning <There was an *undertone* of anger in the answer.>

un-der-tow \,ən-dər-,tō\ *n* : a current beneath the surface of the water that moves away from or along the shore while the surface water above it moves toward the shore



undertow: a diagram showing the direction of an undertow

un-der-val-ue \,ən-dər-'val-yü\ *vb* **un-der-val-ued**; **un-der-val-u-ing** : to value below the real worth

1un-der-wa-ter \,ən-dər-'wò-tər, -'wä-\ *adj* : lying, growing, worn, performed, or operating below the surface of the water <an *underwater* cave> <*underwater* somersaults>

2un-der-wa-ter \,ən-dər-'wò-tər, -'wä-\ *adv* : under the surface of the water <I like to swim *underwater*.>

un-der-wear \,ən-dər-,wer\ *n* : clothing worn next to the skin and under other clothing

un-der-weight \,ən-dər-'wāt\ *adj* : weighing less than what is normal, average, or necessary

underwent *past of* UNDERGO

un-der-world \,ən-dər-,wòrld\ *n* : the world of crime

un-de-sir-able \,ən-di-'zī-rə-bəl\ *adj* : having qualities that are not pleasing or wanted <an *undesirable* effect>

un-de-vel-oped \,ən-di-'ve-ləpt\ *adj* 1 : not used for farming or building on <*undeveloped* land> 2 : having few large industries and a simple economic system <an *undeveloped* country> 3 : not fully grown or matured

un-dig-ni-fied \,ən-'dig-nə-,fid\ *adj* : lacking proper seriousness or self-control in behavior or appearance : not showing dignity <*undignified* conduct>

un-dis-cov-ered \,ən-di-'skəv-ərd\ *adj* : not discovered <an *undiscovered* island>

un-dis-put-ed \,ən-di-'spyüt-əd\ *adj* : not disputed : UNQUESTIONABLE <the *undisputed* leader>

un-dis-turbed \,ən-di-'stərbd\ *adj* 1 : not moved, interrupted, or interfered with <an *undisturbed* sleep> <*undisturbed* snow> 2 : not upset <She was *undisturbed* by the change.>

un-di-vid-ed \,ən-də-'vi-dəd\ *adj* : complete or total <I want your *undivided* attention.>

un-do \,ən-'dü\ *vb* **un-did** \-'did\; **un-done** \-'dən\; **un-do-ing** \-'dü-iŋ\; **un-does** \-'dəz\ 1 : UNTIE 2, UNFASTEN <Can you *undo* this knot?> 2 : to cancel the effect of : REVERSE <The damage cannot be *undone*.> 3 : to cause the ruin or failure of <He was *undone* by greed.>

un-do-ing \,ən-'dü-iŋ\ *n* : a cause of ruin or failure <My quick temper was my *undoing*.>

un-done \,ən-'dən\ *adj* : not done or finished

un-doubt-ed \,ən-'daü-təd\ *adj* : definitely true or existing : not doubted <*undoubted* proof of guilt>

un-doubt-ed-ly \,ən-'daü-təd-lē\ *adv* : without doubt : SURELY <She's *undoubtedly* the school's best athlete.>

un-dress \,ən-'dres\ *vb* **un-dressed**; **un-dress-ing** : to remove the clothes or covering of

un-du-late \,ən-jə-,lāt, -də-, -dyə-\ *vb* **un-du-lat-ed**; **un-du-lat-ing** : to move in or as if in a wavy or flowing way <The curtains were streamers, *undulating* from the breeze... —Gail Carson Levine, *Ella Enchanted*>

word root



The Latin word *unda*, meaning "wave," gives us the root *und*. Words from the Latin *unda* have something to do with waves. To *undulate* is to move up and down like a wave. To *inundate* is to cover with a flood of waves. To *surround*, or encircle on all sides, is to enclose as if by waves. To *abound* is to be plentiful, like waves in the ocean.

un-dy-ing \,ən-'dī-iŋ\ *adj* : lasting forever : IMMORTAL <*undying* devotion>

un-earth \,ən-'ərth\ *vb* **un-earthed**; **un-earth-ing** 1 : to bring up from underground : dig up <Pirates *unearthed* the buried treasure.> 2 : to bring to light : UNCOVER <Reporters *unearthed* a scandal.>



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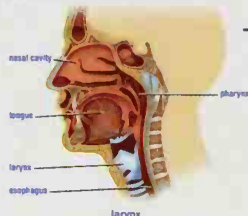
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word history

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lar-yin-gi-tis \lär-ən-'ji-təs\ *n* : swelling and irritation of the larynx in which the voice becomes hoarse or weak and the throat sore
lar-ynx \lär-inks\ *n, pl lar-yin-ges* \lä-'rin-jéz\ *ar*
lar-ynx-es : the upper part of the trachea that contains the vocal cords



²**lash** *n* 1 : a blow with a whip or switch (The pirate received 20 *lashes*.) 2 : the flexible part of a whip 3 : EYELASH

²**late** *adv.* later, lat-est 1 : after the usual or proper time (We arrived *late*.) 2 : near the end of something (We'll see you *late* next week.) —

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