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dab NOUN

a little dab of glue

- spot, drop, bit, blob, daub, dollop

dab VERB

She dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief.

- pat, touch, press, wipe, daub

daily ADJECTIVE

a daily exercise routine

- everyday, day-to-day, regular

daily ADVERB

The rooms are cleaned daily.

- every day, each day, once a day

dainty ADJECTIVE

a dainty little ribbon

- delicate, neat, charming, elegant, fine, exquisite, bijou (informal) cute, dinky

OPPOSITE clumsy

dam NOUN

a dam built by beavers

- barrage, barrier, embankment, dyke, weir

damage NOUN

The floods caused a lot of damage.

- harm, destruction, devastation, injury, ruin

damage VERB

Many paintings were damaged in the fire.

- harm, spoil, mar, break, impair, weaken, disfigure, deface, mutilate, scar
- To damage something beyond repair is to **destroy**, **ruin** or **wreck** it.
- To damage something deliberately is to **sabotage** or **vandalize** it.

damp ADJECTIVE

- 1 These clothes are still damp.

- moist, dank, soggy, clammy

OPPOSITE dry

- 2 It was a cold and damp morning.

- drizzly, foggy, misty, rainy, wet

– Weather which is both damp and warm is **humid** or **muggy**.

dampen VERB

- 1 Dampen the cloth with a little water.

- moisten, wet

- 2 Nothing could dampen my enthusiasm.

- lessen, decrease, diminish, reduce, stifle, suppress

dance VERB

I could have danced for joy.

- caper, cavort, skip, prance, gambol, leap, hop, whirl, twirl, gyrate, pirouette

dance NOUN



WORD WEB

Some kinds of dance or dancing:

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| ➤ ballet | ➤ jive dancing |
| ➤ ballroom dancing | ➤ limbo dancing |
| ➤ barn dance | ➤ line dancing |
| ➤ belly dancing | ➤ mazurka |
| ➤ bolero | ➤ morris dance |
| ➤ breakdancing | ➤ quadrille |
| ➤ cancan | ➤ reel |
| ➤ disco | ➤ rumba |
| ➤ flamenco | ➤ samba |
| ➤ folk dance | ➤ Scottish country dancing |
| ➤ Highland dancing | ➤ square dance |
| ➤ hornpipe | ➤ step dancing |
| ➤ jazz dance | ➤ street dance |
| ➤ jig | ➤ tap dancing |
| | ➤ tarantella |

Some ballroom dances:

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| ➤ foxtrot | ➤ quickstep |
| ➤ minuet | ➤ tango |
| ➤ polka | ➤ waltz |
- A person who writes the steps for a dance is a **choreographer**.

danger NOUN

- 1 Is the crew in any danger?

- peril, jeopardy, menace, threat, trouble, crisis

OPPOSITE safety

2 The article explains the dangers of sunbathing.

• risk, hazard, problem, pitfall, trap

3 There is a danger that the volcano may erupt.

• chance, possibility, risk

dangerous ADJECTIVE

1 Finding and removing landmines is dangerous work.

• hazardous, perilous, risky, unsafe, precarious, treacherous
(informal) hairy, dicey

2 She was arrested for dangerous driving.

• careless, reckless

3 It is a highly dangerous chemical.

• harmful, destructive, poisonous, deadly, toxic

OPPOSITES harmless, safe

dangle VERB

There was a bunch of keys dangling from the chain.

• hang, swing, sway, wave, droop, flap, trail

dare VERB

1 Who dares to enter the Mummy's Tomb?

• have the courage, be brave enough, have the nerve, venture

2 My friends dared me to ring the doorbell.

• challenge, defy, provoke, goad

daring ADJECTIVE

He began to plan a daring escape.

• bold, brave, courageous, audacious, fearless, valiant, intrepid, plucky
(informal) gutsy

– A daring person is a **daredevil**.

OPPOSITES timid, cowardly

dark ADJECTIVE

1 It was a dark winter night.

• black, murky, dim, gloomy, dingy, inky, shadowy

OPPOSITE bright

2 He wore a dark blue coat.

OPPOSITES pale, light

3 She has long dark hair.

• black, Brunette, raven, ebony
(literary) sable

OPPOSITE fair

4 It was a dark period of my life.

• bleak, unhappy, miserable, grim, gloomy, dismal, negative

OPPOSITE happy

5 This peaceful island holds a dark secret.

• mysterious, sinister, ominous, disturbing

dark NOUN

1 I can't see you in the dark.

• darkness, blackout, gloom

OPPOSITES light, brightness

2 No one was allowed out after dark.

• nightfall, night-time

OPPOSITES daytime, daybreak

darken VERB

Suddenly, the sky darkened.

• grow dark, become overcast, blacken, cloud over

OPPOSITES brighten, lighten

dart VERB

A rabbit darted out of the bushes.

• run, dash, race, sprint, speed, rush, tear, pelt, scurry, scamper

dash VERB

1 We dashed home as soon as we could.

• hurry, run, rush, race, hasten, speed, sprint, tear, fly, zoom

2 She dashed her cup against the wall.

• throw, hurl, fling, toss, smash
(informal) sling, chuck

3 Injury dashed his hopes of winning a medal.

• destroy, wreck, ruin, shatter, scotch
(informal) scupper

IDIOM put paid to

dash NOUN

1 We made a dash for shelter.

• run, rush, race, sprint, bolt, charge

2 Add a dash of milk.

• drop, splash, spot, swig, dribble, drizzle