

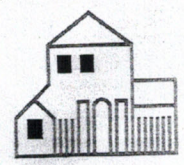
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throttle valve. 2. See throttle valve. 3. the throat, gullet, or windpipe, as of a horse. [prob. dim. of ME throte THROT; cf. G Drosse]

throat 4. to stop; the breath of by compressing the throat; strangle. 5. to choke or suffocate in any way. 6. to compress by fastening something tightly around. 7. to silence or check as if by choking; His message was throttled by censorship. 8. Mach. a. to obstruct or check the flow of (a fluid), as to control the speed of an engine. b. to reduce the pressure of (a fluid) by passing it from a smaller area to a larger one. [late ME throtel, freq. of throtel(n) to cut the throat of (someone), strangle, deriv. of THROT]

Throt-tle-bot-tom (thrɔt'əbɒtəm), n. (sometimes l.c.) a harmless incompetent in public office. [named after Alexander Throttlebottom, character in Of Thee I Sing (1932), musical comedy by George S. Kaufman and Morris Ryskind]

throt/tle lever/, throttle (def. 1).

throt/tle valve/, a valve for throttling the working fluid of an engine, refrigerator, etc.

I through (θruː), prep. 1. in at one end, side, or surface and out at the other: to pass through a tunnel; We drove through Denver without stopping. Sun came through the window. 2. past: to go through a stop sign without stopping. 3. from one to the other of; between or among the individual members or parts of; to swing through the trees; This book has passed through many hands. 4. over the surface of, by way of, or within the limits or medium of; to travel through a country: He flies through the air with the greatest of ease. 5. during the whole period of; throughout: He worked through the night. 6. having reached the end of; to be through one's work. 7. to and including; from 1900 through 1950. 8. having finished successfully; to get through an examination. 9. by the means or instrumentality of; by the way or agency of: It was through him they found out. 10. by reason of or in consequence of: to run away through fear. 11. in at the first step of a process, treatment, or method of handling, passing through subsequent steps or stages in order, and finished, accepted, or out of the last step or stage: The body of a car passes through 147 stages on the production line. The new tax bill finally got through Congress.

adv. 12. in at one end, side, or surface and out at the other: to push a needle through; We don't live here, we're just passing through. 13. all the way; along the whole distance: This train goes through to Boston. 14. throughout: soaking wet through. 15. from the beginning to the end: to read a letter through. 16. to the end; to carry a matter through. 17. to a favorable or successful conclusion: He barely managed to pull through. 18. having completed an action, process, relationship, etc.: Please be still until I go through. 19. through and through, a. through the whole extent of; thoroughly: wet and cold through and through. b. from beginning to end; in all respects: an aristocrat through and through. 20. through with, a. finished with. b. at the end of all relations or dealings with: My sister again insists that she's through with men. adj. 21. passing or extending from one end, side, or surface to the other. 22. traveling, conveying, or extending through the whole of a long distance with little or no interruption: a through train. 23. (of a road, route, way, course, etc. or of a ticket, routing order, etc.) admitting continuous or direct passage; having no interruption, obstruction, or hindrance: a through highway; through ticket. 24. (of a bridge truss) having a deck or decks within the depth of the structure. Cf. deck (def. 12).

[ME metathetic var. of thorough, OE thurh; cf. G durch; akin to OE therh, Goth thairh through, OHG dērþ perforated, OE thyrē full of holes (adj.), hole (n.). See THIRL, NOSTRIL]

-Syn. 9. See by. through/bass/ (bās). See through bass. through-composed (θruːkɒmpəzɪd), adj. having different music for each verse: a through-composed song. Cf. strophic (def. 2).

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or power or authority of any kind): Throw all your energy into your work. The FBI threw every available agent into the case. 12. to deliver a blow or punch: He threw a hard left jab to his opponent's chin. 13. Cards. to play (a card). 14. to cause to fall to the ground, esp. to hurl to the ground, as an opponent in wrestling. 15. Informal. to lose (a game, race, or other contest) intentionally, as for a bribe. 16. to cast (dice). 17. to make (a cast) at dice. 18. (of an animal, as a horse) to cause (someone) to fall off; unseat: The horse threw his rider twice. 19. (of domestic animals) to bring forth (young). 20. Textiles. to twist (filaments) without attenuation in the production of yarn or thread. 21. Informal. to overcome with astonishment or confusion; astonish; confuse: It was her falsetto voice on top of it all that really threw me. 22. Obs. to turn on a lathe.

v.i. 23. to cast, fling, or hurl a missile or the like. 24. throw away, a. to dispose of; discard. b. to employ wastefully; squander. c. to fail to use; miss (a chance, opportunity, etc.): He threw away a college education and a professional career. 25. throw back, a. to retard the development or advancement of: His illness threw him back a year at school. b. to force into a state of dependence. c. to return to; hark back. d. to revert to a type found in one's ancestry; manifest atavism: Her red hair and blue eyes throw back to her great-grandmother. 26. throw cold water on. See cold (def. 18). 27. throw down the gauntlet or glove. See gauntlet (def. 4). 28. throw in, Informal. a. to add as a bonus or gratuity: They throw in breakfast with the room. b. to bring into (a discussion, plan, etc.) as an addition; interpolate: The chairman threw in an amusing anecdote to relieve the tension. c. Cards. to abandon (a hand). 29. throw in the sponge. See sponge (def. 12). 30. throw in the towel. See towel (def. 2). 31. throw off, a. to free oneself of; cast aside: to throw off the yoke of slavery. b. to escape from or delay, as a pursuer. c. to give off; discharge. d. to perform or produce with ease: The entertainer threw off a few songs and jokes to begin the show. e. to confuse; fluster: Thrown off by jeers, she forgot her lines. 32. throw oneself at (someone) or at (someone's head), (of a woman) to strive to attract the interest or attention of, esp. in order to win the love or admiration of: She throws herself at any man who will look at her. 33. throw oneself into, to engage in with energy or enthusiasm: She threw herself into making costumes for her daughter's dance recital. 34. throw oneself on or upon (someone), to commit oneself to another's mercy, generosity, support, etc.; trust in: The members of his wife's family have all thrown themselves on him. 35. throw out, a. to cast away; remove; discard. b. to bring up for consideration; propose: The committee threw out a few suggestions. c. to put out of mind; reject: We can throw out that scheme. d. Baseball. to cause to be out by throwing the ball to a fielder, esp. an infielder, in time to prevent a batter or runner from reaching base safely: The shortstop backhanded the ball and threw the batter out at first. e. to eject from a place; remove, esp. forcibly: He started making a disturbance so the bartenders threw him out. 36. throw over, to forsake; abandon: She threw over her first husband for a richer man. 37. throw the bull. See bull (def. 2).

38. throw together, a. to make in a hurried and haphazard manner. b. to cause to associate: Many races and nationalities have been thrown together in the American melting pot. 39. throw up, a. to give up; relinquish. b. to build hastily. c. to vomit. d. to point out, as an error; criticize. e. (of a hawk) to fly suddenly upward.

n. 40. the act or an instance of throwing or casting; cast; fling. 41. the distance to which anything is or may be thrown: a stone's throw. 42. Informal. a venture or chance: It was his last throw. 43. Mach. a. the distance between the center of a crankshaft and the center of the crankpins, equal to one half of the piston stroke. b. the distance between the center of a crankshaft and the center of an eccentric. c. the movement of a reciprocating part in one direction. 44. (in a motion-picture theater) the distance between the projector and the screen. 45. (in an auditorium or the like) the distance between a loudspeaker and the audience. 46. length of a beam of light: a spotlight with a throw of 500 feet. 47. a scarf, boa, or the like. 48. Theat. a. the distance to which a spotlight can be projected. b. the area illuminated by a spotlight. 49. a light blanket, as for use when reclining on a sofa; afghan. 50. a cast of dice. 51. the number thrown with a pair of dice. 52. Wrestling. the act, method, or an instance of throwing an opponent. 53. Geol., Mining. the amount of vertical displacement produced by a fault. [ME throw(en), thraven, OE thrāvan to twist, turn; cf. D draaien, G drehen to turn, spin, twirl, whirl; akin to L terere, Gk terein to rub away]

-Syn. 1. fling, launch, send. THROW, CAST, PITCH, Toss imply projecting something through the air. Throw is the general word, often used with an adverb which indicates direction, destination, etc.: to throw a rope to him, the paper away. CAST is a formal word for THROW, archaic except as used in certain idiomatic expressions (to cast a net, black looks; cast down; the compound broadcast, etc.): to cast off a boat. PITCH implies throwing with some force and definite aim: to pitch a baseball. To toss is to throw lightly, as with an underhand or sidewise motion, or to move irregularly up and down or back and forth: to toss a bone to a dog.

throw-a-way (θrɔʊə wə/), n. any advertisement, as a folder or a broadside, passed out on streets, slipped under doors, etc. [n. use of v. phrase throw away]

throw-back (θrɔʊbæk/), n. 1. an act of throwing back. 2. a setback or check. 3. the reversion to an ancestral or earlier type or character; atavism. 4. an example of this. [n. use of v. phrase throw back]

thrower (θrɔʊə), n. 1. one who or that which throws. 2. flinger (def. 2). [late ME; see THROW, -ER]

thrown/silk/, raw silk that has been reeled twisted into yarn. Also called, Brit., net silk. throw/ rug/. See scatter rug. throwster (θrɔʊstə), n. one who throws man-made filaments. [late ME throwstre. See -STER]

thru (θruː), prep., adv., adj. Informal. through. thrum (θrum), v., thrummed, thrum-ming, 1. to play on a stringed instrument, as a guitar, by plucking the strings, esp. in an idle, monotonous, unskillful manner. 2. to sound when thrumming a guitar or similar stringed instrument. 3. to tap idly with the fingers. -i. 4. to play (a melody, or a melody on it) by plucking the strings, esp. in an idle, monotonous, or unskillful manner: to drum or tap idly on. 6. to recite or tell in a monotonous way. -n. 7. the act or sound of thrumming, monotonous sound. [imit.] -thrum/men

thrum² (θrum), n., v., thrummed, thrum-ming, 1. one of the ends of the warp threads in a loom unweaved and remaining attached to the loom when web is cut off. 2. thrums, the row or fringe of threads. 3. any short piece of waste thread, tuft, tassel, or fringe of threads, as at the edge of cloth. 4. Often, thrums. Naut. short bits of yarn used for making mats. -i. 5. Naut. short pieces of rope yarn through (canvas) mats give it a rough surface, as for wrapping about a spar to prevent chafing. 6. Archaic. to furnish or trim with thrums, ends of thread, or tufts. [ME thrum = OE -thrum ligament; cf. OHG drum end-piece, IceI thróm(r) brim, edge, L terminus, Gk térmē]

thrum-my (θrumi), adj., -mi-er, -mi-est. abounding in thrums; shaggy or tufted. [Thrummy is an old name for shaggy wool.] thrump (θrʌmp), n. a thumping, rumbling sound, usually repetitive: the thrump of artillery echoing through the valley. [imit.] thrumpence (θrʌmpəns), n. threepence. thru-put (θruːpʊt/), n. throughput. thrush¹ (θrʌʃ), n. 1. any of numerous, cosmopolitan, passerine birds of the family Turdidae, many species of which are noted as songbirds. 2. any of various unrelated, superficially similar birds, as the water thrushes. 3. Slang. a female professional singer, esp. of popular songs. [ME thrusche, OE thrysc; cf. OHG drōsca] -thrush/like/, adj.

thrush² (θrʌʃ), n. 1. Pathol. a disease, esp. in children, characterized by whitish spots and ulcers on the mouth, faucets, etc., caused by a parasite, Candida albicans. 2. (in horses) a disease of the frog of the foot. [akin to Dan tröske, Sw thruske, Gk thryssa]

thrush (θrʌʃ), v., thrust, thrust-ing, to thrust forcibly; shove; put or drive with force: to thrust a dagger into her chest. 2. to impose acceptance of; put bold position, condition, etc.: to thrust oneself into the attention of others; to thrust a dollar into one's hand. 3. to stab or pierce, as with a sword: his back with a dagger. 4. to extend; present: his fist in front of my face. -i. 5. to overcome something. 6. to push or force one's way through obstacles or through a crowd. 7. to lance, or stab at something. -n. 8. the stance of thrusting; a forcible push or thrust. 9. Mach. a linear reactive force exerted by a propeller, propulsive gases, etc., as by a jet engine, aircraft, etc. 10. Geol. a compressive force of the earth, which, in its most intense development, produces reversed or thrust faults. a pushing force or pressure exerted by one part against a contiguous one. 12. Aeronaut. a forward and outward force exerted by an airplane. 13. an organized military attack; a thrust. [ME thrust(en), thrysten < Scand. thrust]

-Syn. 6. shove. thrust/ augmentation/ tion, Rocketry. the thrust of a jet or rocket engine, as by a nozzle or reheating. thrust/ bearing, Mach. a bearing that absorbs thrusts parallel to the axis of revolution. thrust/ coefficient, Rocketry. the ratio of the thrust of a rocket engine, operating under given conditions, to the product of the mean pressure in the combustion chamber and the cross-sectional area of the throat of the nozzle. thrust/ deduction, Naut. a decrease in the effective thrust of a propeller caused by the resistance of water past the run of the hull. thruster (θrʌstə), n. 1. one who or that which thrusts. 2. Fox Hunting. a bold rider who leads the front of the field, following hounds in the lead. [THRUST + -ER]

thrust/ fault/, Geol. a fault along which the blocks on either side or hanging wall are moved upward with respect to the lower blocks (contrasted with gravity fault). thru-way (θruːwə/), n. a limited-access highway providing a means of direct transport between distant areas for high-speed automobile traffic. [THRU + WAY]

Thrym (θrɪm), n. Scand. Myth. a giant who demanded Freya in return for the stolen apples of the gods. Thor, who was killed by Thrym, was Freya's husband. Freya.

thrym-sa (θrɪmzə, -sə), n. an ancient coin of the 7th century. [OE (gen. pl. thrimas) (by influence of thrie three), gen. pl. thrimis a coin < L trēs) three + -mis, from Gk thrymion]

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