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n. pl. di·ar·thro·ses (-sēz)

Any of several types of bone articulation permitting free motion in a joint, as that of the shoulder or hip.

[Greek *diarthrōsis*, from *diarthron*, to articulate : *dia-*, between; see [DIA-](#) + *arthron*, to fasten by a joint (from *arthron*, joint; see [ar-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

di'ar·thro di·al (-dē-əl) *adj.*

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