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Information or news: *tidings of great joy; sad tidings.*

[Middle English *tiding*, *tithand*, report, piece of news, from Old Norse *tīdhendi*, events, from *tīdhr*, occurring; see **dā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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