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deal¹  (dēl)

Share:

v. **dealt** (dēlt), **deal·ing**, **deals**

v.tr.

1. To give out in shares or portions; apportion: *a critic who deals out as much praise as blame*. See Synonyms at [distribute](#).

2. *Games*

a. To distribute (playing cards) among players.

b. To give (a specific card) to a player while so distributing.

3. To sell: *deal prescriptions; deal cocaine*.

4. To administer; deliver: *dealt him a blow to the stomach*.

v.intr.

1. To be occupied or concerned: *a book that deals with the Middle Ages*.

2. To behave in a specified way toward another or others; have transactions: *deal honestly with competitors*.

3. To take action with respect to someone or something: *The committee will deal with this complaint*.

4. *Informal* To cope: *I can't deal with all of this arguing!*

5. To do business; trade: *dealing in diamonds*.

6. *Games* To distribute playing cards.

7. *Slang* To buy and sell drugs, especially illegally.

8. *Baseball* To throw a pitch.

n.

1. The act or a round of apportioning or distributing.

2. *Games*

a. Distribution of playing cards.

b. The cards so distributed; a hand.

c. The right or turn of a player to distribute the cards.

d. The playing of one hand.

3. An indefinite quantity, extent, or degree: *has a great deal of experience*.

4.

a. An agreement, especially one that is mutually beneficial. See Synonyms at [agreement](#).

b. A business transaction: *struck a deal to buy a car dealership*.

c. A legal contract: *signed a deal to play for a new team*.

5. *Informal* A sale favorable especially to the buyer; a bargain.

6. *Informal* Treatment received: *a raw deal; a fair deal*.

7. *Informal* The situation or background information regarding something: *What's the deal with the new teacher?*

Phrasal Verbs:

deal in

1. To include (someone) in a card game by dealing cards to that person.

2. To include (someone) in an enterprise or undertaking.

deal out

1. To exclude (someone) from a card game by not giving cards to that person.

2. To exclude (someone) from an enterprise or undertaking.

[Middle English *delen*, from Old English *dēlan*, to divide, share; see **dail-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

deal ²  (dēl)

Share:

- n.*
1.
a. A fir or pine board cut to standard dimensions.
b. Such boards or planks considered as a group.
2. Fir or pine wood.

[Middle English *dele*, from Middle Dutch and Middle Low German *dele*, plank.]

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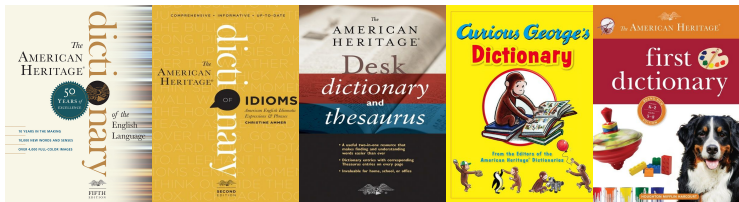
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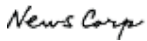
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