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daunt (dônt, dânt)

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tr.v. **daunt**-ed, **daunt**-ing, **daunts**

To lessen the courage or resolution of; dishearten or intimidate: *"Dogged by sickness, daunted by the continuing economic downturn, he continued to fall behind" (Brooks D. Simpson).*

[Middle English *daunten*, from Old French *danter*, from Latin *domitāre*, frequentative of *domāre*, to tame; see **dema-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

daunt *er n.*

daunt *ing-ly adv.*

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