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v. **dwin·dled**, **dwin·dling**, **dwin·dles**

v.*intr.*

To become gradually less until little remains. See Synonyms at [decrease](#).

v.*tr.*

To cause to dwindle: *difficulties that dwindled my enthusiasm for the recipe.*

[Frequentative of Middle English *dwinen*, to waste away, from Old English *dwīnan*, to shrink; see **dheu-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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