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n.

1. The condition or quality of being deep.

2.

a. The extent, measurement, or dimension downward, backward, or inward: *dove to a depth of 30 feet; shelves with enough depth to store the large boxes.*

b. The measurement or sense of distance from an observation point, such as linear perspective in painting.

3. often **depths** A deep part or place: *the ocean depths; in the depths of the forest.*

4.

a. The most profound or intense part or stage: *the depth of despair; an experience that touched the depths of tragedy.*

b. Intensity; force: *had not realized the depth of their feelings for one another.*

5. The severest or worst part: *in the depth of an economic depression.*

6. A low point, level, or degree: *Production has fallen to new depths.*

7. Intellectual complexity or penetration; profundity: *a novel of great depth.*

8. The range of one's understanding or competence: *I am out of my depth when it comes to cooking.*

9. Strength held in reserve, especially a supply of skilled or capable replacements: *a team with depth at every position.*

10. The degree of richness or intensity: *depth of color.*

11. Lowness in pitch.

12. Complete detail; thoroughness: *the depth of her research; an interview conducted in great depth.*

[Middle English *depthe*, from *dep*, deep; see [DEEP](#).]

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