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ditch  (dĭch)

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- n.*
A long narrow trench or furrow dug in the ground, as for irrigation, drainage, or a boundary line.
- v.* **ditched**, **ditch·ing**, **ditch·es**
- v.tr.*
1. To dig or make a long narrow trench or furrow in.
 2. To surround with a long narrow trench or furrow.
 3.
 - a. To drive (a vehicle) into a long narrow trench, as one beside a road.
 - b. To derail (a train).
 4. *Slang*
 - a. To get rid of; discard: *ditched the old yard furniture.*
 - b. To get away from (a person, especially a companion).
 - c. To discontinue use of or association with: *ditch the job at the hamburger stand.*
 - d. To skip (class or school).
 5. To crash-land (an aircraft) on water.
- v.intr.*
1. To dig a ditch.
 2. To crash-land in water. Used of an aircraft or a pilot.

[Middle English *dich*, from Old English *dīc*; see **dhig**^w- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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