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drive  (drīv)

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v. **drove** (drōv), **driv·en** (drīv ən), **driv·ing**, **drives**

v.tr.

1. To push, propel, or press onward forcibly; urge forward: *drove the horses into the corral.*
 2. To repulse or put to flight by force or influence: *drove the attackers away; drove out any thought of failure.*
 3. To guide, control, or direct (a vehicle).
 4.
 - a. To convey or transport in a vehicle: *drove the children to school.*
 - b. To traverse in a vehicle: *drive the freeways to work.*
 5.
 - a. To supply the motive force or power to and cause to function: *Steam drives the engine.*
 - b. To cause or sustain, as if by supplying force or power: *"The current merger mania is apparently driven by an urge ... to reduce risk or to exploit opportunities in a very rapidly changing business environment" (Peter Passell).*
 6. To compel or force to work, often excessively: *"Every serious dancer is driven by notions of perfection—perfect expressiveness, perfect technique" (Susan Sontag).*
 7. To force into or from a particular act or state: *Indecision drives me crazy.*
 8. To force to go through or penetrate: *drove the stake into the ground.*
 9. To create or produce by penetrating forcibly: *The nail drove a hole in the tire.*
 10. To carry through vigorously to a conclusion: *drove home his point; drive a hard bargain.*
 11.
 - a. *Sports* To throw, strike, or cast (a ball, for example) hard or rapidly.
 - b. *Basketball* To move with the ball directly through: *drove the lane and scored.*
 - c. *Baseball* To cause (a run or runner) to be scored by batting. Often used with *in*.
 - d. *Football* To advance the ball over (certain yardage) in plays from scrimmage.
 12.
 - a. To chase (game) into the open or into traps or nets.
 - b. To search (an area) for game in such a manner.
- v.intr.
1. To move along or advance quickly: *We could hear the trucks driving along the highway.*
 2. To rush, dash, or advance violently against an obstruction: *The wind drove into my face.*
 3.
 - a. To operate a vehicle, such as a car: *How long has he been driving?*
 - b. To go or be transported in a vehicle: *We all got in the car and drove to the supermarket.*
 4.
 - a. *Sports* To hit, throw, or impel a ball or other missile forcibly.
 - b. *Basketball* To move directly to the basket with the ball.
 - c. *Football* To advance the ball in plays from scrimmage.
 5. To make an effort to reach or achieve an objective; aim.
- n.
1. The act of driving: *took the car out for a drive after dinner.*
 2. A trip or journey in a vehicle: *It's a long drive to Eau Claire from here.*
 3. *Abbr. Dr.* A road for automobiles and other vehicles.
 4.
 - a. The means or apparatus for transmitting motion or power to a machine or from one machine part to another.

- b. The position or operating condition of such a mechanism: *"He put his car into drive and started home"* (Charles Baxter).
- c. The means by which automotive power is applied to a roadway: *four-wheel drive*.
- d. The means or apparatus for controlling and directing an automobile: *right-hand drive*.
- 5. *Computers* A device that reads data from and often writes data onto a storage medium, such as an optical disc or flash memory.
- 6. A strong organized effort to accomplish a purpose: *a drive to finish the project before the deadline*.
- 7. Energy, push, or aggressiveness: *an executive with a lot of drive*.
- 8. *Psychology* A strong motivating tendency or instinct related to self-preservation, reproduction, or aggression that prompts activity toward a particular end.
- 9. A massive, sustained military offensive.
- 10.
 - a. *Sports* The act of hitting, knocking, or thrusting a ball very swiftly.
 - b. *Sports* The stroke or thrust by which a ball is driven: *an awkward drive on the first tee that sent the ball into the woods*.
 - c. *Sports* The ball or puck as it is propelled: *The goalie stopped a hard drive in the opening minute*.
 - d. *Basketball* The act of moving with the ball directly to the basket.
 - e. *Football* A series of downs in which the ball is advanced by the offensive team.
- 11.
 - a. A rounding up and driving of livestock to new pastures or to market.
 - b. A gathering and driving of logs down a river.
 - c. The cattle or logs thus driven.

Phrasal Verb:

drive at

To mean to do or say: *I don't understand what you're driving at*.

[Middle English *driven*, from Old English *drīfan*; see **dhreibh-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

driv·a·bil i·ty *n*.

driv a·ble *adj*.

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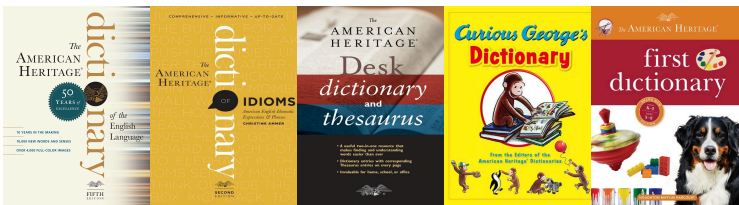
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