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da·tum  (dā tām, dāt əm, dā tām)

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n.

1. *pl. da·ta* (-tə) A fact or proposition used to draw a conclusion or make a decision. See Usage Note at [data](#).
2. *pl. da·tums* A point, line, or surface used as a reference, as in surveying, mapping, or geology.

[Latin, something given, from neuter past participle of *dare*, to give; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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