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tr.v. **dev·as·tat·ed**, **dev·as·tat·ing**, **dev·as·tates**

1. To lay waste; destroy.
2. To overwhelm; confound; stun: *was devastated by the rude remark.*

[Latin *dēvāstāre*, *dēvāstāt-* : *dē-*, *de-* + *vāstāre*, to lay waste (from *vāstus*, empty, desolate; see **eu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

dev as·tat'ing·ly *adv.*

dev'as·ta tion *n.*

dev as·ta'tor *n.*

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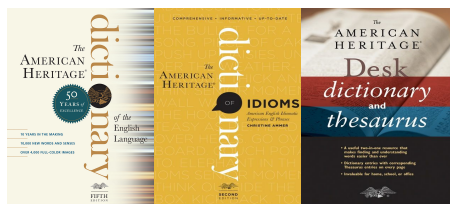
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