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crash ¹  (krăsh)

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v. **crashed**, **crash-ing**, **crash-es**

v.intr.

1.
 - a. To break violently or noisily; smash: *The dishes crashed to pieces on the floor.*
 - b. To undergo sudden damage or destruction on impact: *The car crashed into a tree.*
2. To make a sudden loud noise: *The cymbals crash at the end of each measure.*
3. To move noisily or so as to cause damage: *went crashing through the woods.*
4. To undergo a sudden severe downturn, as a market or economy.
5. *Computers* To stop functioning due to a crash.
6. *Slang* To undergo a period of unpleasant feeling or depression as an aftereffect of drug-taking.
7. *Slang*
 - a. To find temporary lodging or shelter, as for the night.
 - b. To fall asleep from exhaustion.

v.tr.

1. To cause to crash: *crashed the truck into the signpost.*
2. To dash to pieces; smash: *crashed the ice with a sledgehammer.*
3. *Informal* To join or enter (a party, for example) without invitation.

n.

1. A sudden loud noise, as of an object breaking: *She looked up when she heard the crash outside.*
2.
 - a. A smashing to pieces.
 - b. A collision, as between two automobiles. See Synonyms at [collision](#).
3. A sudden severe downturn: *a market crash; a population crash.*
4. *Computers*
 - a. A sudden failure of a hard drive caused by damaging contact between the head and the storage surface, often resulting in the loss of data on the drive.
 - b. A sudden failure of a program or operating system, usually without serious consequences.
5. *Slang* Mental depression after drug-taking.

adj.

Informal

Of or characterized by an intensive effort to produce or accomplish: *a crash course on income-tax preparation; a crash diet.*

Idiom:

crash and burn *Slang*

To fail utterly.

[Middle English *crasschen*; probably akin to *crasen*, to shatter; see [CRAZE](#).]

crash er n.

- n.*
1. A coarse, light, unevenly woven fabric of cotton or linen, used for towels and curtains.
 2. Starched reinforced fabric used to strengthen a book binding or the spine of a bound book.

[From Russian *krashenina*, colored linen, from *krashenie*, coloring, from *krasit'*, to color; see **ker**-³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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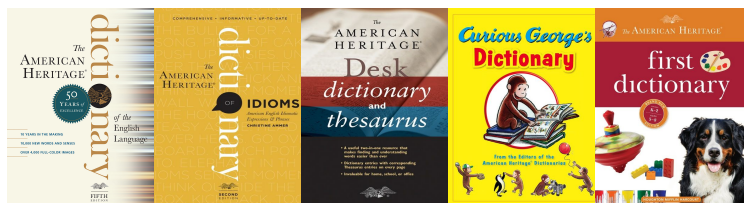
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