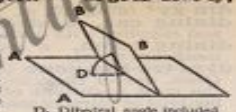
di·gres·sion (dĭ grĕsh′ən, dī-), *n.* **1.** act of digressing. **2.** a portion of a discourse, etc., deviating from the main theme. —**di·gres′sion·al,** *adj.*

di·gres·sive (dĭ grĕs′ĭv, dī-), *adj.* tending to digress; departing from the main subject. —**di·gres′sive·ly,** *adv.* —**di·gres′sive·ness,** *n.*

di·he·dral (dī hē′drəl), *adj.* *Math.* **1.** having, or formed by, two planes: *a dihedral angle.* **2.** pertaining to or having a dihedral angle or angles. —*n.* **3.** Also, **dihedral angle.** *Math.* the figure made by two planes which intersect. **4.** *Aeron.* the angle at which the right and left wings of an airplane or the like are inclined upward or downward with reference to the center section. [f. DI-[1] + s. Gk. *hédra* seat, base + -AL[1]]



D. Dihedral angle included between planes AA and BB

Di·jon (dē zhôN′), *n.* a city in E France. 112,844 (1954).

dik-dik (dĭk′dĭk′), *n.* diminutive antelope, genus *Madoqua,* native to and southwestern Africa.

dike (dīk), *n.*, *v.*, **dik·ing.** —*n.* **1.** an embankment for restraining the of the sea or a river. **2.** ditch. **3.** a ridge or ... rth as thrown up ... cavating. **4.** a causeway ... *Dial.* a low fence, esp. of earth or ... dividing or ... land. **5.** an obstacle; ... *Geol.* a. a long, cross-cutting mass of ... eruptive rock ... into a fissure in older ... a similar mass composed of other kinds ... rial, as sandstone. **8.** to furnish or drain ... **9.** to enclose, ... or protect by a dike. ... *of land.* Also, d... [ME, t. Scand.; ... tch; akin to ... —**dik′er,** *n.*

di·ke·tone (dī ... ing two CO g...

di·lac·er·ate ... rend asunder; ... —**di·lac′er·a...**

di·lap·i·date ... **1.** to bring ... as by misuse ... **3.** to fall int... thrown awa... —**di·lap′i·d...**

di·lap·i·da... fallen into ...

di·lat·ant ... —**di·lat′an...**

di·la·ta·tion ... ing. **2.** state ... part. **4.** *Pat...* aperture or a... purpose of su... tion to norm... opening or p...

di·late (dī l... make wide... spac... length; exp... Lt. L: m... —**di·lat′...**

di·la·tion ... **1.** narrow...

di·la·ti... dilate.

di·la·tom... measu...

di·la·tor ... dilates. **2.** ... the body. **3.** ... canals, orifices, ...

di·la·to·ry (dĭ ... procrastinate; ... bring about de... *strategy.* [t. L: ... —**dil′a·to′ri·l...**

di·lem·ma (d... choice betwee... barrassing situ... which two or ... lemma) are pr... consequences ... must choose. ... —**dil·em·mat·ic** (dĭl′ə mă′tĭk), *adj.* **1.** See **predicament.**

dil·et·tan·te (dĭl′ə tän′tē, -tănt′), *n.*, *pl.* **-tes, -ti** (-tē). *adj.* —*n.* **1.** one who pursues an art or science desultorily or merely for amusement; a dabbler. **2.** a lover of an art or science, esp. of a fine art. —*adj.* **3.** of or pertaining to dilettantes. [t. It., prop. ppr. of *dilettare,* g. L *dēlectāre* DELIGHT, v.] —**dil′et·tan′tish, dil′et·tan′te·ish,** *adj.*

dil·et·tant·ism (dĭl′ə tän′tĭz əm, -tănt′-), *n.* the practice or characteristics of a dilettante. Also, **dil·et·tan·te·ism** (dĭl′ə tän′tē ĭz′əm).

dil·i·gence[1] (dĭl′ə jəns), *n.* **1.** constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken; persistent exertion of body or mind. **2.** *Obs.* care; caution. [ME, t. L: m. *diligentia*] —**Syn. 1.** application, industry, assiduity, perseverance or persistence.

dil·i·gence[2] (dĭl′ə jəns; *Fr.* dē lē zhäNs′), *n.* a public stagecoach, esp. in France. [t. F: short for *carrosse de diligence* speed coach]

Diligence

dil·i·gent (dĭl′ə jənt), *adj.* **1.** constant in effort to accomplish something; attentive and persistent in doing anything. **2.** pursued with persevering attention; painstaking. [ME, t. L: s. *diligens,* prop. ppr., choosing, liking] —**dil′i·gent·ly,** *adv.* —**Syn. 1.** industrious, assiduous. See **busy.** **2.** persevering, indefatigable, untiring, unremitting.

dill (dĭl), *n.* **1.** an apiaceous plant, *Anethum graveolens,* bearing a seedlike fruit used in medicine and for flavoring pickles, etc. **2.** its aromatic seeds or leaves. [ME *dille, dile,* OE *dile-;* akin to G *dill(e),* Sw. *dill*]

dill pickle, a cucumber pickle flavored by dill.

dil·ly-dal·ly (dĭl′ē ... ...), *v.i.*, **-lied, -lying.** to waste ... ...ne, esp. by indec... ...ille; dolter.

di·luent (dĭl′yōō ... substance, esp. one that di...

di·lute (dĭ lōōt′ ... *also* dī′lōōt). *v.*, **-luted, -luting,** *adj.* —*v.t.* ... thinner or weaker by the ad... water. **2.** to make (a color, etc.) ... strength, force, or efficiency of ... become diluted. —*adj.* **5.** re... mixture ... emical by admixture; weak: *a* ... solution. ... *dilūtus,* pp., washed to pieces, ... solved, dil...

di·lu·tion ... **1.** act of diluting. ... state of ... mething diluted; a di... ted form ...

di·lu·vi·al ... pertaining to a deluge ... consisting of diluvium. —**di·lu′vi·al·ly,** *adv.*

di·lu·vi·um (dĭ lōō′vĭ əm). *Geol.* ... attributed to a general drift. [t. L: del...

dim, *v.*, **dimmed,** ... re from lack of ... not clearly seen; ... not clearly: *eyes dim* ... the mind; vague: ... t; dull ... luster: *a dim color.* ... clearly: *eyes dim* ... idling. **8.** disparage. —*v.i.* **9.** to make dim. ... im. [ME *dim(e),* OE *dim*] —**dim′ly,** *adv.* —**dim′ness,** *n.* **9.** darken, cloud.

dim. Also, **dimin.** ... S., of the value ... var, of *disme,* g. L *decimus* tenth] ... story designed for ...

dim·e·ter (dĭm′ə tər), *n.* ... gnitude measured ... meter or principal ... size; magnitude. —**di·met·ric** (dī mĕt′rĭk), ... —**di·men′sion·al,** ...

Dimerous flower

di·min·ish (dĭ mĭn′ĭsh), *v.* ... stall. *tetragonal.* ... ated, -ating, *adj.* ... half. —*adj.* **2.** ... ves. [t. L: ... ishes, pp., halved] ... make, or cause to ... half step than the ... perfect or n... d, e. **4.** *Archaic.* to ... to lessen; decrease. [ME *diminue* (t. M.L: ... *diminuere* for L *dē-* ... make smaller) and MINISH] —**di·min′ish·a·ble,** *adj.* —**di·min′ish·ing·ly,** *adv.* —**Syn. 1.** See **decrease. 5.** subside, ebb, dwindle, shrink; abate.

diminishing returns, *Econ.* the fact, often stated as a law or principle, that as any factor in production (as labor, capital, etc.) is increased, the output per unit factor will eventually decrease.

di·min·u·en·do (dĭ mĭn′yōō ĕn′dō; *It.* dē′ mē nwĕn′dō). *adj.*, *n.*, *pl.* **-dos** (-dōz; *It.* -dōs). *Music.* —*adj.* **1.** gradually reducing in force or loudness; decrescendo (opposed to *crescendo*). —*n.* **2.** a gradual reduction of force or loudness. **3.** a diminuendo passage. *Symbol:* >. [t. It., ppr. of *diminuire.* See DIMINISH]

dim·i·nu·tion (dĭm′ə nōō′shən, -nyōō′-), *n.* **1.** act, fact or process of diminishing; lessening; reduction. **2.** *Music.* the repetition or imitation of a subject or theme in