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dry rot



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dry rot

noun

Simple Definition of DRY ROT

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: a condition in which wood is destroyed by a type of fungus

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Examples: DRY ROT in a sentence

Full Definition of DRY ROT

- a**: a decay of seasoned timber caused by fungi that consume the cellulose of wood leaving a soft skeleton which is readily reduced to powder normal or more or less mummified
- : a fungus causing dry rot
- : decay from within caused especially by resistance to new forces

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Examples of DRY ROT in a sentence

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Dry rot had eaten away part of the beam.



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First Known Use of DRY ROT

1795

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