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WORD OF THE DAY

loss

Dictionary

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loss noun

 Save Word

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Definition of *loss*

1 : DESTRUCTION, RUIN

// to save the world from utter *loss*

— John Milton

2 a : the act of losing possession : DEPRIVATION

// *loss* of sight

b : the harm or privation resulting from loss or separation

// bore up bravely under the *loss* of both parents

c : an instance of losing

// His death was a *loss* to all who knew him.

3 : a person or thing or an amount that is lost: such as

a **losses plural** : killed, wounded, or captured soldiers

// His regiment suffered terrible *losses*.

b : the power diminution of a circuit (see CIRCUIT entry 1 sense 4a) or circuit element corresponding to conversion of electrical energy into heat by resistance (see RESISTANCE entry 1 sense 4a)

4 a : failure to gain, win, obtain, or utilize

// *loss* of a game

b : an amount by which the cost of something exceeds its selling price

// The railroad claimed to be operating at a *loss*.

5 : decrease in amount, magnitude, or degree

// a *loss* in altitude

6 : the amount of an insured's financial detriment by death or damage that the insurer is liable for

at a loss

1 : uncertain as to how to proceed

// was *at a loss* to explain the discrepancy

2 : unable to produce what is needed

// *at a loss* for words

for a loss

: into a state of distress

// events had thrown him *for a loss*