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noun | \ 'draft , 'dräft \

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Examples: DRAFT in a Sentence ▼

Definition of DRAFT

- 1 *fishing*
a : the act of drawing or pulling in a net
b : **HAUL** 2b • a *draft* of fish
- 2 **a** : the act or an instance of drinking or inhaling • a last *draft* on her cigarette;
also : the portion drunk or inhaled in one such act
b : a portion poured out or mixed for drinking : **DOSE**
- 3 *mechanical engineering*
a : the force required to pull a plow or other implement
b : load or load-pulling capacity • the *draft* of a typical draft horse
- 4 **a** : the act of moving loads by drawing or pulling : **PULL**
b : a team of animals together with what they draw
- 5 **a** : **DELINEATION, REPRESENTATION** • a *draft* for a future skyscraper
b : **SCHEME, DESIGN**
c : a preliminary sketch, outline, or version • the author's first *draft* • a *draft* treaty

- 7 **a** : the act of causing a liquid to come out of a container or source : the act of drawing (as from a **cask** or **keg**)
b : a portion of liquid so drawn • a *draft* of ale
c : draft (see ²**DRAFT** 2) beer • a glass of *draft*
- 8 *nautical* : the depth of water a ship draws (see ¹**DRAW** *transitive* 6) especially when loaded
- 9 **a** (1) : a system for or act of selecting individuals from a group (as for **compulsory** military service) • debating whether or not to institute a *draft* (2) : an act or process of selecting an individual (as for political candidacy) without the individual's expressed consent
b : a group of individuals selected especially by military draft
c sports : a system whereby exclusive rights to selected new players are **apportioned** among professional teams • He was chosen in the first round of the *draft*.
- 10 **a** : an order for the payment of money drawn (see ¹**DRAW** 7c) by one person or bank on another
b : the act or an instance of drawing from or making demands upon something : **DEMAND**
- 11 **a** : a current of air in a closed-in space • felt a *draft*
b : a device for regulating the flow of air (as in a fireplace) • open the *draft*
- 12 : **ANGLE**, **TAPER**; *specifically, industrial engineering* : the taper (see ²**TAPER** 2b) given to a pattern or die (see ²**DIE** 3) so that the work can be easily withdrawn
- 13 : a pocket of reduced air pressure behind a moving object; *also, racing sports* : the use of such a draft to save energy

—on draft

: ready to be drawn from a receptacle • beer *on draft*

See *draft* defined for English-language learners