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Adj.1.dire - fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless; "a desperate illness"; "on all fronts the Allies were in a desperate situation due to lack of materiel"- G.C.Marshall; "a dire emergency"critical - being in or verging on a state of crisis or emergency; "a critical shortage of food"; "a critical illness"; "an illness at the critical stage"2.dire - causing fear or dread or terror; "the awful war"; "an awful risk"; "dire news"; "a career or vengeance so direful that London was shocked"; "the dread presence of the headmaster"; "polio is no longer the dreaded disease it once was"; "a dreadful storm"; "a fearful howling"; "horrendous explosions shook the city"; "a terrible curse"direful, dread, dreaded, dreadful, fearsome, frightening, horrendous, terrible, awful, horrific, fearfulalarming - frightening because of an awareness of dangerBased on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adjective1. desperate, pressing, crying, critical, terrible, crucial, alarming, extreme, awful, appalling, urgent, cruel, horrible, disastrous, grim, dreadful, gloomy, fearful, dismal, drastic, catastrophic, ominous, horrid, woeful, ruinous, calamitous, cataclysmic, portentous, godawful (slang), exigent, bodeful the dire predicament of the refugeesCollins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective1. Portending future disaster:apocalyptic, apocalyptical, baneful, direful, fateful, fire-and-brimstone, grave, hellfire, ominous, portentous, unlucky.2. Causing or able to cause fear:appalling, direful, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, formidable, frightful, ghastly, redoubtable, scary, terrible, tremendous.The American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. atrozespantosoextremofunestonefastoextrmefunestesinistreterriblespaventosourgente necessit...gevaarlijkomineusonheilspellendsinisterverschrikkelijkCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005 [dar] adj (= disastrous) [consequences] terrible, dsastreux/euse (pejorative) (= awful) affreux/euseCollins English/French Electronic Resource. HarperCollins Publishers 2005Collins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007 [da] adj (warning) minaccioso/a; (consequences) disastroso/a; (event) terribile; (poverty) nero/adire necessity dura necessitin dire straits nei guaiCollins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (dai) adjective dreadful; perilous. vreeslike perigoso hrozn grlich skrkkelig; forfrdelig; risikabel , terrible, espantoso, atroz kohutav kauhea terrible, , straan, poguban szrny berbahaya hrilegur, gnrunginn tremendo baisus drausmgs; ausmgs hebat vreselijkforferdelig; i dyp ndstraszny : : perigoso groaznic, cumplit stran, nebezpen straen porazan grslig, frfrlig, hemsk korkun, mthi , thm khc Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. Want to thank TFD for its existence? 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Link to this page: A private rehearsal at these lodgings, and a bargain which will fill the pockets of a grasping stranger -- such are the sacrifices which dire necessity imposes on me at starting.The Spaniel stopped short in dire consternation, and, after regarding the Bulldog a moment from a safe distance, said:how chang'd From him, who in the happy Realms of Light Cloth'd with transcendent brightnes didst outshine Myriads though bright: If he whom mutual league, United thoughts and counsels, equal hope, And hazard in the Glorious Enterprize, Joynd with me once, now misery hath joynd In equal ruin: into what Pit thou seest From what highth fal'n, so much the stronger provd He with his Thunder: and till then who knew The force of those dire Arms?But Oedipus spurns the hypocrite, and invokes a dire curse on both his unnatural sons.Go to, and make your profit where ye will, Silver of Sardis change for gold of Ind; Ye will not purchase this man's burial, Not though the winged ministers of Zeus Should bear him in their talons to his throne; Not e'en in awe of prodigy so dire Would I permit his burial, for I know No human soilure can assail the gods; This too I know, Teiresias, dire's the fall Of craft and cunning when it tries to gloss Foul treachery with fair words for filthy gain.I glimpsed him just before he reached the doorway and the sight of him, now roaring as he perceived his lifeless fellow stretched upon the floor, and frothing at the mouth, in the extremity of his rage, filled me, I must confess, with dire forebodings.And if we are able thus to attack an inferior force with a superior one, our opponents will be in dire straits.He "had" me indeed, and in a cleft stick; for who would ever absolve me, who would consent that I should go unhung, if, by the faintest tremor of an overture, I were the first to introduce into our perfect intercourse an element so dire? No, no: it was useless to attempt to convey to Mrs.I drilled him as represent- ing in turn all sorts of people out of luck and suffering dire privations and misfortunes.He was in good spirits at his own improved prospects, for his farm was so placed that its value could be only increased by the new road; he was also relieved in mind that his wife's family would no longer be in dire poverty directly at his doorstep, so to speak.What flippant Frenchman was it who said in allusion to the well-known work of Zimmerman, that, "la solitude est une belle chose; mais il faut quelqu'un pour vous dire que la solitude est une belle chose?" The epigram cannot be gainsayed; but the necessity is a thing that does not exist.But the strange part of it was that about three in the afternoon, while this gentleman and his friends were at dinner in the hotel, a terrific storm of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, broke forth and continued with dire fury for two or three hours. See also: Appendix:Variations of "dire" Englishedit Etymologyedit Borrowed from Latin drus (fearful, ominous).Pronunciationedit IPA(key): /da()/Rhymes: -a()Adjectiveedit dire (comparative direr or more dire, superlative direst or most dire)Warning of bad consequences: ill-boding; portentous.Synonyms: foreboding, inauspicious; see also Thesaurus:ominousdire omensRequiring action to prevent bad consequences: urgent, pressing.Synonyms: acute, exigent; see also Thesaurus:urgentdire need (of)2014 June 14, It's a gas, in The Economist, volume 411, number 8891:One of the hidden glories of Victorian engineering is proper drains. [] But out of sight is out of mind. And that, together with the inherent yuckiness of the subject, means that many old sewers have been neglected and are in dire need of repair.Expressing bad consequences: dreadful; dismal.Synonyms: bleak, gloomy; see also Thesaurus:cheerlessdire consequences; to be in dire straits2019 August 30, Jonathan Watts, Amazon fires show world heading for point of no return, says UN, in The Guardian[1]:Cristiana Paca Palmer, the executive secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, said the destruction of the worlds biggest rainforest was a grim reminder that a fresh approach needed to stabilise the climate and prevent ecosystems from declining to a point of no return, with dire consequences for humanity.(informal) Bad in quality, awful, terrible.Synonyms: foul, lousy; see also Thesaurus:badHis dire blunder allowed her to checkmate him with her next move.2011 December 10, Arindam Rej, Norwich 4-2 Newcastle, in BBC Sport:A second Norwich goal in four minutes arrived after some dire Newcastle defending. Gosling gave the ball away with a sloppy back-pass, allowing Crofts to curl in a cross that the unmarked Morison powered in with a firm, 12-yard header.Quotationsedit For quotations using this term, see Citations:dire.Derived termsedit direfuldirelydirenessdire sistersdiresomedire straitsdire wolfTranslationsedit warning of bad consequencesArmenian: (hy) (araguak)Bulgarian: (bg) (zlovt)Chinese:Mandarin: (zh) (bxing de)Danish: ildevarslendeDutch: onheilspellend(nl), omineus(nl)Finnish: hirve(fi), kamala(fi), kauhea(fi), pahaenteinen(fi), pahaenteinen(fi)French: funeste(fr), sinistre(fr)German: dster(de), bse(de), fatal(de), unheilversprechendNorwegian: skummel, illevarslendePortuguese: mal-agoirado, mal-agouro, funesto(pt)Russian: (ru) (zlovij), (ru)m (gnetij)Spanish: de mal agero, portentoso(es), alarmante(es) expressing bad consequencesBulgarian: (bg) (stren), (bg) (usen)Chinese:Mandarin: (zh) (kp de)Danish: ondskabsfuld, skrkkeligDutch: gevaarlijk(nl), vreselijk(nl), sinister(nl), verschrikkelijk(nl)Finnish: hirve(fi), kamala(fi), kauhea(fi)French: extrme(fr), terrible(fr)German: schrecklich(de), entsetzlich(de), furchtbar(de)Italian: terribile(it), tremendo(it), tragico(it), catastrofico(it)Latin: drusLatvian: ausmgsLithuanian: baisusNorwegian: skrekkelig, ondskapsfull(no)Polish: powany(pl), straszny(pl)Portuguese: horrvel(pt), terrvel(pt)Russian: (ru) (tkij), (ru) (usnyj), (ru) (strnyj), (ru)m (mrnyj)Spanish: maligno(es), nefasto(es), funesto(es) See alsoedit Anagramsedit Deri, Dier, IDer, Reid, dier, drie, ired, rideCatalanedit Alternative formsedit Pronunciationedit (Alghero) IPA(key): /dia/Verbedit dire(Northern, Alghero) Alternative form of dirFrenchedit Etymologyedit Inherited from Middle French dire, from Old French dire, from Latin dc, from Proto-Italic *deik, from Proto-Indo-European *dyti (to show, point out).Pronunciationedit IPA(key): /di/(Quebec) IPA(key): /dzi/Rhymes: -iVerbedit dire(transitive) to say, to tell (to express through speech)1889, Fortun du Boisgobey, Double-Blanc [Double-Blank], Paris: Plon & Nourrit, page 213: Parfaitement... et il a dit ces dames que c'tait un tranger, arriv rcemment Paris et colossalement riche. Perfectlyand he told these ladies that he was a foreigner, recently arrived in Paris and colossally rich.1910 [1908], H. G. Wells, translated by Henry-D. Davray and B. Kozakiewicz, La Guerre dans les airs, 1921 edition, Paris: Mercure de France, translation of The War in the Air (in English), page 247:Bien qu'il n'et pu comprendre un seul mot de ce qui avait t dit, Bert prouva un choc en remarquant le ton qu'avait pris l'homme.Although he could not have understood a single word of that which had been said, Bert felt a shock while noticing the tone that the man had taken.2022 January 5, Batrice Dillies, Au vaccinodrome d'Albi: "Emmanuel Macron dit tout haut ce que tout le monde pense tout bas" [At the Albi Mass Vaccination Centre: "Emmanuel Macron says out loud what everyone is quietly thinking"], in La Dpche[2], archived from the original on July 29, 2024:Emmanuel Macron aurait d se mordre la langue avant de parler d'emmerder les rcalcitrants. Mais il a dit tout haut ce que tout le monde pense tout bas.Emmanuel Macron should have bitten his tongue before talking about bugging the recalcitrants. But he said out loud what everyone is quietly thinking.Dire qu'on fait des cookies, c'est bien, mais il faut ensuite les partager. (American saying) To say that one is making some cookies, it is good, but it is then necessary to share them.(transitive) to tell (to order, to advise)Il lui a dit de partir. He told him to go away.(transitive) to say, to tell (to set out in writing)Je vous ai dit dans ma dernire lettre que. I told you in my last letter that.Cet auteur a dit l-dessus d'excellentes choses. This author has said some excellent things about it.(transitive) to say (often used in the sense of responding to an objection)Qu'avez-vous dire cela ? What do you have to say to that?Que trouvez-vous dire cette action ? (in this sense, one more commonly says trouver redire (to find fault with)) What do you have to say to this action? (literally, What do you find to say to this action?)Il y a bien dire, beaucoup dire l-dessus. (There are a lot of criticisms, of objections, of observations, etc., to make about that.) There is much to say, very much to say about that.On dit en des sens analogues ou contraires. One says in similar or opposite senses.On ne peut certainement rien dire sur sa conduite. One certainly cannot say anything about their conduct.(transitive, poetic) to say, to tell of (to celebrate, to sing, to narrate)1888, Jean le Rond d'Alembert, La Suppression des jsuites (d. populaire abrge) [The Suppression of the Jesuits (Abridged Popular Ed.)][3], douard Cornly:Il leur offrit de dire la messe pour leur obtenir de Dieu, au lieu de l'argent qu'ils demandaient, la grce de souffrir chrtiennement leur ruine.He offered to say mass to them to obtain for them from God, instead of the money that they were requesting, the grace to suffer their ruin Christianly.Je dirai vos exploits. I will tell of your exploits.(transitive, current) to say, to tell (to deliver, to recite)1889, Fortun du Boisgobey, Double-Blanc [Double-Blank], Paris: Plon & Nourrit, page 187:C'est bon, je n'aime pas jouer les gneurs. Je vais faire un tour au foyer, pendant que tu diras ton couplet.It's fine, I don't like to play the nuisance. I'm going to take a walk in the foyer, whilst you say your verse.1958, Jean Rogissart, Passantes d'Octobre [October Passers-by], Paris: Librairie Arthme Fayard:Hlose dit et redit son chapelet. Les grains cliquettent de minute en minute et sans relche, le chuchotement rapide des oraisons s'allonge.Heloise says and repeats her rosary. The beads clink from minute to minute and relentlessly, the rapid whispers of the orisons get longer.Dire sa leon. To tell one's lesson.Dire la messe. (To celebrate mass) To say mass.Faire dire une messe, des messes pour quelqu'un. To have a mass or masses said for someone.Un homme bien-disant se dit dun Homme qui parle bien et avec facilit. A well-spoken man is said of a Man who speaks well and with ease.(transitive, figuratively, as the object, with the subject on; often in the conditional) to seem like, to look like1845, Alexandre Dumas, chapter IV, in La Reine Margot [Queen Margot], volume I:[] ; sous ses cheveux, un il gris brillait la moindre contrarit d'un feu si resplendissant, qu'on et dit alors un il noir.[]; under his headhair, a grey eye was shining at the slightest irritation with a fire so gleaming, that it seemed to be then a black eye.1910, Gaston Leroux, Le Fantme de l'Opra [The Phantom of the Opera]:Il semblait, en effet, tout le monde qu'un frlement se faisait entendre derrire la porte. Aucun bruit de pas. On et dit d'une soie lgre qui glissait sur le panneau.It seemed, indeed, to everyone that a rustling could be heard behind the door. No sounds of footsteps. It seemed to be a light silk that was sliding along the panel.1945, Lon Frapi, La croix [The Cross], in Les contes de la maternelle [Kindergarten Tales], ditions Self, page 29:Marie, petite pour ses six ans, les yeux trs brillants, la frimousse tendue, presque douloureuse, porte un tablier noir et un minuscule jupon qui laisse voir ses jambes minces, pitoyables. On dirait d'une poupe tragique.Marie, small for her six years, her eyes very bright, her cute little face tight, almost painful, wears a black pinafore and a tiny petticoat that lets you see her thin, pitiful legs. She looks like a tragic doll.2006, Angelo Rinaldi, chapter 1, in O finira le fleuve [Where the River Will End], Fayard:Dirait-il que le mouvement de la marche avait rvl la doublure de ce vtement tait-ce de la castorette ? , outre une jupe de tweed qui descendait jusqu'au genou ?Would he say that the movement of the march had revealed the lining of this garment was it beaver fur? , in addition to a tweed skirt that went down to the knee?2021 December 7, Marie-ve Doyon, Rire des gros, c'est un manque de classe [To Laugh at Overweight People, It Is a Lack of Class], in La Journal de Qubec:Bien justement. Ce n'est pas parce qu'on peut tout dire qu'il faut dire n'importe quoi.Well exactly. It is not because you can say anything that it is necessary to say anything.1933, Franois Mauriac, Le Nud de vipres [The Knot of Vipers], ditions Grasset, page 23, Le Livre de Poche:On dirait dune main qui se pose sur mon paule gauche, qui limmobilise dans une fausse position, comme ferait quelquun qui ne voudrait pas que je loublie.It feels like a hand that is resting on my left shoulder, that immobilizes it in a false position, as someone who would not want me to forget it would do.On dit de mme. It seems like the same.On dirait de loin une barque; ce nest peut-tre quune planche. It looks like a small boat from afar; maybe it is not just a plank.On dirait dun fou, dun homme ivre, etc., ou On dirait un fou. He looked like a madman, a drunk man, etc.; he seemed mad/drunk (=judging by his actions, by his speech, one would take him for a madman, one would believe him drunk).(transitive) to mean, to say, to state (to denote, to signify, to indicate, to mark)1951, Julien Gracq, Le Rivage des Syrtes [The Shore of Sirtes], Jos Corti:La fidlit aux traditions, devenue presque maniaque, disait l'appauvrissement d'un sang incapable de recrer.Fidelity to tradition, which had become almost maniacal, meant the impoverishment of blood unable to recreate.1992, Frdric Lasaygues, Back to la Zone [Back to the Zone], Paris: ditions J'ai Lu: Vous tes au courant de l'arnaque ? C'est l'hypercherie ! L'embrouille totale. Tout est truqu. Silbermann, a vous dit quelque chose ? C'est lui le cerveau de la magouille ! You're in the current of the con? It's the great deception! The total mix-up. Everything is falsified. Silbermann, does that mean anything to you? It is him the brain of the scheme!(Can we date this quote?), Edmond Rostand, Cyrano de Bergerac, Act IV, Scene 4:Vous savez ce dtail ? En effet, il advint, / Durant que je faisais ma caracole afin / De rassembler mes gens pour la troisime charge, / Qu'un remous de fuyards m'entrana sur la marge / Des ennemis ; j'tais en danger qu'on me prt / Et qu'on m'arquebust, quand j'eus le bon esprit / De dnouer et de laisser couler terre / L'charpe qui disait mon grade militaire ;You know this detail? Indeed, it happened, / That while I was making my caracole in order / To assemble my men for the third charge, / That a swirl of fleers drew me onto the fringe / Of the enemy; I was in danger of being captured / And of being arquebused, when I had the good sense / to untie and to let fall to the ground / the scarf that stated my military rank;Que veut dire ce retard ? What does this delay mean? (literally, What does this delay want to say?)Cela veut dire que Cela ne dit rien. It means that It does not say anything. (literally, It wants to say that It does not say anything.)Que veut dire ceci ? What does this mean? (literally, What does this want to say?)Ce mot seul dit tout. This word alone says it all.Je ne sais ce que cela veut dire, je me sens mal mon aise. I do not know what it means, I feel ill at my ease. (literally, I do not know what it wants to say, I feel ill at my ease.)On dit : cet homme est un lion, pour dire que cest un homme plein de courage. One says: this man is a lion, to mean that he is a man full of courage.(transitive, figuratively) to say, to tell (used when speaking of actions, of gestures, of looks, etc., that demonstrate someone's thinking)Mes yeux, mes regards vous disent que je vous aime. My eyes, my looks tell you that I love you.Sa contenance, son trouble, sa confusion disent assez qu'il est coupable. His composure, his trouble, his confusion say enough that he is guilty.Leur silence vous en dit assez, nous en dit long. Their silence tells you enough of it, tells us a lot of it.Cette femme a de beaux yeux, mais ils ne disent rien. (She has beautiful eyes, but they are devoid of vivacity, of expression.) This woman has beautiful eyes, but they do not say anything.Cette chose ne dit rien. (It does not produce any effect in the place that it occupies.) This thing does not say anything.Cela ne dit rien au cur, l'me. (It touches not, moves not.) It does not say anything to the heart, to the soulCela ne me dit rien. It does not tell me anything.Qui vous dit, qui vous a dit que? (What reason do you have to believe that? Are you sure that?) Who tells you, who told you that?Qui vous dit que j'ai cette intention ? Who tells you that I have that intention?Qui vous a dit que rien ne s'opposerait vos desseins ? Who told you that nothing would be opposed to your designs?1896, Georges Feydeau, Le Dindon [The Turkeycock]:VATELIN. Ah ! non, ce que a me dit ! Ce que a me dit ! autant que de me ficher l'eau !VATELIN. Ah! no, what that tells me! What that tells me! may as well thrust myself into the water!(transitive, informal) to call out (to denounce)Ae ! J'le dirai ! Ouch! I'mma call him out!(intransitive) to say (to express what one thinks, what one feels, what one sees)2022, Maurice Henrie, La te haute [My Head Held High], University of Ottawa Press, page 158:Et vous vous rveillez un jour avec ce besoin irrpressible de dire.And you wake up one day with this irrepressible need to "say".(reflexive) to say (to signify, to be used for a word, a phrase, a sentence)Ce mot se dit de telle chose. This word is said of such a thing.Ce proverbe se dit en parlant d'une personne qui. This proverb is said when speaking of a person who.Cela ne se dit qu'en mauvaise part. It is said only in a bad way.Cela ne se dit plus. It is not said anymore.(reflexive) to say (to claim, to assure that one has a certain quality)Il se dit votre parent, votre ami. He says he is your relative, your friend.Il se dit au courant de ce service et il n'y connat rien. He says he is aware of this service, but he does not know anything about it.Ils se disaient envoys par lui. They said they were sent by them.Il se disait malade. He said he was sick.(reflexive, transitive) to say to oneself, to think to oneself, to tell oneself, to think (to make this or that reflection, to have this or that thought, to make this or that reasoning within oneself)1904, Frdric Weisgerber, edited by Ernest Leroux, Trois mois de campagne au Maroc: tude gographique de la rgion parcourue [Three Months of Campaigning in Morocco: A Geographical Study of the Region Covered], Paris, page 47:Ils jettent bien encore des regards de convoitise sur nos btes, mais nous nous tenons sur nos gardes, et, nous voyant disposs nous dfendre, ils doivent se dire que le jeu ne vaudrait peut-tre pas la chandelle.They cast even more glances of covetousness at our beasts, but we stand on our guard, and, seeing us prepared to defend ourselves, they must think that the game would perhaps not be worth the candle.Je me le disais bien, je me ltais bien dit. (I had a hunch about it.) I told myself so, I told myself so.Quelque chose me le dit. Something tells me that.(informal) to be of interest to, to interest [with someone], to be up for, to be interested, to like to, to feel like (to be okay with, to be tempted by)a te dit de regarder un film de science-fiction? Do you want to watch a science fiction movie? What do you say to watching a science fiction movie?a vous dit ? Are you interested [in doing this]? Are you up [for it]?Il m'a demand si a nous dirait de nous joindre eux plus tard. He asked me if we'd like to join them later.a ne me dit trop rien d'y aller. I don't really want to go [there].a te dirait un cinma ce week-end ? How about a movie this weekend? (literally, Does a movie this weekend say to you?)Carrment que a me dit ! Totally I feel like it! (literally, Totally it says to me!)(informal) to sound familiar [with someone]a me dit quelque chose. It rings a bell.a ne me dit rien. It doesn't ring a bell.Conjugationedit Conjugation of dire (see also Appendix:French verbs)infinitivesimpledirecompoundavoir + past participlepresent participle or gerund1simpledisant/di.z/compoundayant + past participlepast participledit/di/singularpluralfirstsecondthirdfirstsecondthirdindicativeje (j)tuil, elle, onnousvousils, elles(simpletenses)presentdis/di/dis/dit/di/disons/di.z/dites/dit/disent/diz/imperfectdisais/di.z/disais/di.z/disait/di.z/disions/di.zj/disiez/di.zje/disaient/di.z/past historic2dis/di/dis/di/dit/di/dmes/dim/dtes/dit/dirent/di/futuredirai/di.e/diras/di.a/dira/di.a/dirons/di./direz/di.e/diront/di./conditionaldirais/di./dirais/di./dirait/di./dirions/di.j/diriez/di.je/diraient/di./(compoundtenses)present perfectpresent indicative of avoir + past participlepluperfectimperfect indicative of avoir + past participlepast anterior2past historic of avoir + past participlefuture perfectfuture of avoir + past participleconditional perfectconditional of avoir + past participlesubjunctiveque je (j)que tuquil, quelleque nousque vousquils, quelles(simpletenses)presentdise/diz/dises/diz/dise/diz/disions/di.zj/disiez/di.zje/disent/diz/imperfect2disse/dis/disses/dis/dt/di/dissions/di.sj/dissiez/di.sje/dissent/dis/(compoundtenses)pastpresent subjunctive of avoir + past participlepluperfect2imperfect subjunctive of avoir + past participleimperativetunousvoussimpledis/di/disons/di.z/dites/dit/compoundsimple imperative of avoir + past participlesimple imperative of avoir + past participlesimple imperative of avoir + past participle1 The French gerund is usable only with the preposition en.2 In less formal writing or speech, these tenses may be found to have been replaced in the following way:past historic present perfectpast anterior pluperfectimperfect subjunctive present subjunctivepluperfect subjunctive past subjunctive(Christopher Kendris [1995], Master the Basics: French, pp. 77, 78, 79, 81).Disez is a nonstandard form for the second person plural in the present indicative.Derived termsedit edit Nounedit direm (plural dires)saying (that which is said)belief, opinionDerived termsedit Descendantsedit Further readingedit Anagramsedit Italianedit Alternative formsedit dicere (archaic or Romanesco)Etymologyedit Inherited from Latin dcere, from Proto-Italic *deik, from Proto-Indo-European *dyti (to show, point out).Pronunciationedit IPA(key): /di.re/Rhymes: -ireHyphenation: dreVerbedit dre (first-person singular present dco, first-person singular past historic dssi, past participle dtto, first-person singular imperfect dicvo, second-person singular imperative d' or (with syntactic gemination after the verb, with written accent) d, auxiliary avre) (transitive)to utter (produce (speech or other sounds) with one's voice)to reciteto say, tell, utter(intransitive) to talk about, discuss [with di]mid 13th century, Gherardo Patecchio, Splanamento de li proverbi di Salomone [Explanation of Solomon's proverbs], line 21; collected in Roberto Tagliani, editor, compiled by Maria Luisa Meneghetti, Il manoscritto Saibante-Hamilton 390 - Edizione critica[4], Rome: Salerno Editrice, 2019, ISBN, page 324:Dela lengua vi dir al primeramente (northern Italy)Then I want to talk about language firstlyto say (indicate in a written form)used as a generic synonym for certain verbs:Synonym of soggiungere (to add)Synonym of continuare (to continue)Synonym of rispondere (to reply)Synonym of confessare (to confess)Synonym of dichiarare (to claim)Synonym of raccontare (to tell, relate, report)mid 13th century, Gherardo Patecchio, Splanamento de li proverbi di Salomone [Explanation of Solomon's proverbs], lines 1314; collected in Roberto Tagliani, editor, compiled by Maria Luisa Meneghetti, Il manoscritto Saibante-Hamilton 390 - Edizione critica[5], Rome: Salerno Editrice, 2019, ISBN, page 324:Li savi no m reprenda seu no dirai s bencom se vorave dir [] (northern Italy)May the wise not reproach me, if I do not retell as well as one should retell [] Synonym of affermare (to declare, assert)Synonym of suggerire (to suggest, clue)Synonym of credere (to believe, assume)to meanto express a concept with the proper word in a given language(uncommon) to speak(rare) to announce the wedding ofdomani vi dir in chiesa Tomorrow I'll announce your wedding in churchConjugationedit edit Nounedit direm (uncountable) Anagramsedit Drei, Redi, idre, redi, rideLatinedit Pronunciationedit Adjectiveedit devocative masculine singular of drusReferencesedit dire, in Harry Thurston Peck, editor (1898), Harpers Dictionary of Classical Antiquities, New York: Harper & BrothersMiddle Frenchedit Etymologyedit From Old French dire, from a contraction of Latin dcere.Verbedit direto say (express using language)Descendantsedit Occitanedit Alternative formsedit Etymologyedit From Old Occitan dir, dire, from a contraction of Latin dcere.Pronunciationedit IPA(key): /di.e/Verbedit direto say (express using language)to mean; to signifyConjugationedit Old Frenchedit Etymologyedit From a contraction of Latin dcere.Verbedit dire(chiefly intransitive) to say(transitive) to recount (a story)Conjugationedit This verb conjugates as a third-group verb. This verb has irregularities in its conjugation. Old French conjugation varies significantly by date and by region. The following conjugation should be treated as a guide. 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Einhorn (1974), Old French: A Concise Handbook, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, ISBN, page 153Old Occitanedit Alternative formsedit Etymologyedit From a contraction of Latin dcere.Verbedit dire Descendantsedit Poitevin-Saintongeaisedit Etymologyedit Inherited from Old French dire, from Latin dicere.Verbedit dire Referencesedit Piveteau, Vianney (1996) Dicopoitevin[6] (in French)Walloonedit Etymologyedit From Old French dire, from a contraction of Latin dc, dcere.Pronunciationedit Verbedit direDIREadjectiveDreadful; dismal; mournful; horrible; terrible; evil in a great degree.Etymology: dirus, Latin.Your eye in ScotlandWould create soldiers, and make women fight,To doff their dire distresses.William Shakespeare, Macbeth.More by intemperance dieIn meats, and drinks, which on the earth shall bringDiseases dire; of which a monstrous crewBefore thee shall appear.John Milton, P. Lost, b. xi. l. 474.Hydras, and gorgons, and chimras dire.John Milton.Or what the cross, dire-looking planet smites,Or hurtful worm with cankerd venom bites.John Milton.Dire was the tossing, deep the groans, despairTended the sick.John Milton.Discord! dire sister of the slaughtered powr,Small at her birth, but rising evry hour;While scarce the skies her horrid head can bound,She stalks on earth, and shakes the world around.Alexander Pope, Il.causing or involving great fear or suffering; dreadful; terrible.indicating trouble, disaster, misfortune, or the like.dire predictions about the stock market.urgent; desperate.Also: direful.disastrous; fearfuldesperate; urgentforeboding disaster; ominousCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012direly adverbdireness noundireness noundirely adverbOrigin of dire1First recorded in 156070, dire is from the Latin word drus fearful, unluckyOrigin of dire1C16: from Latin drus ominous, fearful; related to Greek deos fearExamples have not been reviewed.Speaking to The Times earlier, when asked if this dire moment might call for Rages return, Morello was circumspect about the bands future.For Gutierrez, the proposed price hikes represent a gross misunderstanding of a young council that is legitimately trying to deal with a difficult, frankly dire, budget situation.Services manager Carolyn Bradbury said: "The situation is dire. We've got about two weeks worth of food left in the warehouse if no other food comes in. We've never had it this empty before."Texas has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the US, banning all abortions except in dire medical circumstances.If you keep the camera angle tight on those protests, as many media outlets have done, it does look dire.dirdumdirec. prop.Browse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrssttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC

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