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# trench <sup>1 of 2</sup> noun

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Synonyms of trench

1 a : a long cut in the ground : **DITCH**

*especially* : one used for military defense often with the excavated dirt thrown up in front

b **trenches** plural : a place, position, or level at which an activity is carried on in a manner likened to trench warfare → often used in the phrase *in the trenches*

| activists working *in the trenches*

2 : a long, narrow, and usually steep-sided depression in the ocean floor → compare **TROUGH**

3 : **TRENCH COAT**

# trench <sup>2 of 2</sup> verb

trenched; trenching; trenches

transitive verb

1 : to make a cut in : **CARVE**

2 a : to protect with or as if with a trench

b : to cut a trench in : **DITCH**

intransitive verb

1 a : **ENTRENCH, ENCROACH**

| ... *trenching* on other domains which were more vital ...

— Sir Winston Churchill

b : to come close : **VERGE**

2 : to dig a trench

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ravine

### Verb

touch (on)

seem

verge (on)

resemble

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## Examples of *trench* in a Sentence

### Noun

dug a **trench** and filled it with water in an attempt to keep the forest fire off her property

### Verb

that response **trenches on** outright rudeness

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— CBS News, 12 Dec. 2025



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— CBS News, 12 Dec. 2025

The steep offshore **trench** and complex plate interactions in the region also heighten the risk of tsunamis generated by undersea seismic activity.

— Gabe Whisnant, *MSNBC Newsweek*, 10 Dec. 2025

### Verb

Now we are advised a sewer repair project will require **trenching** across Bayside Lane at eight intersections and along the alley's edge.

— U T Readers, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, 28 Aug. 2025

The costs of **trenching**, permitting and last-mile connections can stall progress where it's needed most.

— Abhishek Singh, *Forbes.com*, 2 June 2025

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### Etymology

#### Noun

Middle English *trenche* track cut through a wood, from Anglo-French, act of cutting, ditch, from *trencher*, *trenchier* to cut, probably from Vulgar Latin *\*trincare* to cut in three, from Latin *trini* three each — more at [TRINE](#)

### First Known Use

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15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)



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#### Verb

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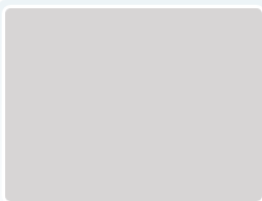
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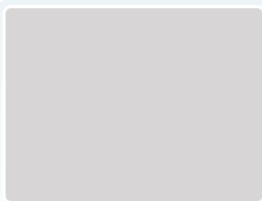


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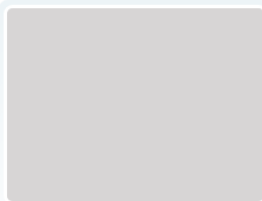
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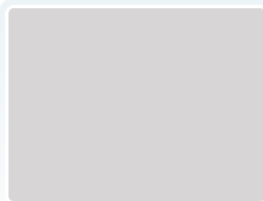
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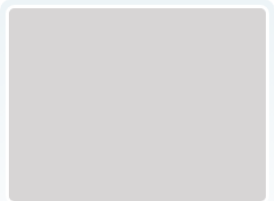
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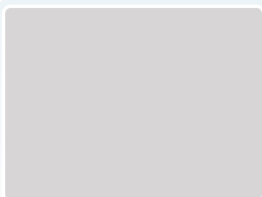
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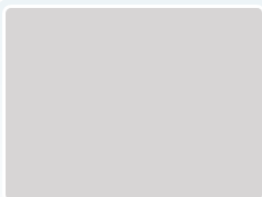
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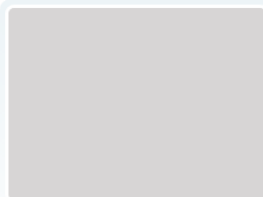
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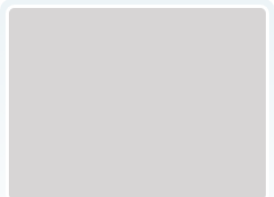
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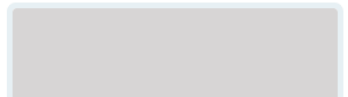
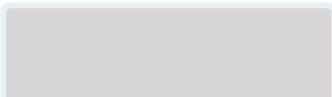
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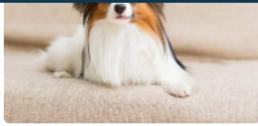
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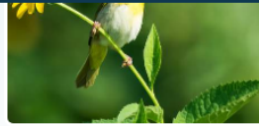
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