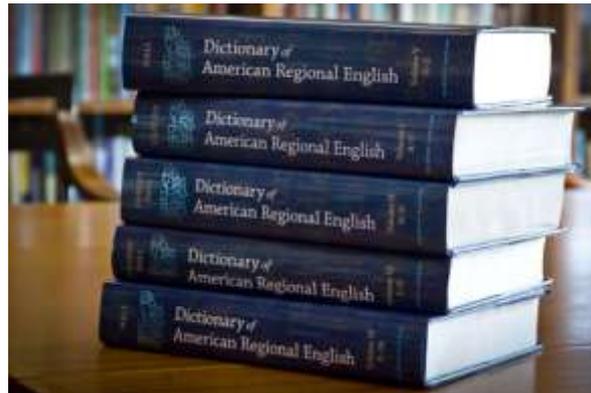


# The Dictionary of American Regional English

## User Guide



# How to Use DARE: Homepage

- The interactive map on the DARE homepage enables browsing by region, including states and major areas within each region.
- The DARE word wheel replicates the serendipity of browsing a print dictionary and denotes entries that include maps or audio recordings, or that were given in response to a DARE survey question.
- Italicized terms are variants; highlights designate free sample entries.

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Search for words... Advanced Search

Discover the full panoply of American regional words, phrases, and pronunciations with DARE.

The digital edition features audio, interactive maps, and insights into the DARE Survey.

**Browse by Region**

Southwest

New England  
North  
North Atlantic  
North Central  
North Midland  
Northeast  
Northwest  
Ohio Valley  
Okefenokee  
Ozarks  
Pacific  
Pacific Northwest  
Plains States  
Rocky Mountains  
Smoky Mountains  
South  
South Atlantic  
South Midland  
Southwest

Map is adjusted to represent population density from 1905-1976, instead of land area.

**Bibliography**

JUMP TO

go out to themselv...  
go over the hill  
go over the road, v...  
goosler, n  
**goosle, n**  
goosle, v  
goozlum  
goozler, n  
goozling voice, n  
goozlum, n  
goozlums  
G.O.P., n  
gopher  
gopher, n  
gopher, v

Browse 100 sample entries

# How to Use DARE: Search

- The dictionary Quick Search function searches dictionary headwords and variants, while the survey Quick Search covers survey questions and responses.
- Use Advanced Search to restrict searches to headwords, variants, definitions, etymologies, or quotations, or to target by part of speech, social label, or region. Filters allow for further refinement of results.

The screenshot shows the DARE website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with a red box around it. Below the search bar, the page is titled "Search Results" and shows "You are looking at 1-14 of 14 items for: sandwich". The results are sorted by "Relevance" and show 20 items per page. The first result is "sandwich, n", followed by "Cuban sandwich, n", "Italian sandwich, n", "western sandwich, n", "torpedo sandwich, n", "submarine sandwich, n", "hooker boy sandwich, n", "Saint Paul sandwich, n", and "loose-meat sandwich, n".

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Search for words Advanced Search

Search word(s) results SEARCH

Find 'sandwich' in:  
Definitions (35)  
Etymologies (0)  
Quotations (124)  
Full Text (130)

Refine Search

Show results with:  
 Audio Recordings  
 Map Illustrations  
 DARE Survey

UPDATE

Regions

- Central Atlantic
- Florida
- Gulf States
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Middle Atlantic
- North Central
- North Midland
- Northeast
- New York City
- New Orleans
- North
- Tennessee
- Texas

BROWSE BY REGION

Search Results

You are looking at 1-14 of 14 items for: sandwich Clear All

Items per page: 20 Sort by: Relevance

sandwich, n  
Std sense, var forms.

Cuban sandwich, n  
chiefly Florida  
=submarine sandwich.

Italian sandwich, n  
Northeast, esp Maine  
=submarine sandwich.

western sandwich, n  
A sandwich consisting of a western omelet between slices of bread.

torpedo sandwich, n  
orig Northeast, now esp North, North Midland  
A submarine sandwich.

submarine sandwich, n  
orig scattered, but chiefly Northeast, North Central, Central Atlantic; now widespread  
A large sandwich made with Italian or French bread or a long bun, and a variety of meats, cheeses, and vegetables.

hooker boy sandwich, n

Saint Paul sandwich, n  
A sandwich with multiple fillings, one of which is egg.

loose-meat sandwich, n  
esp Iowa  
A sandwich of ground or shredded beef served on a bun.

# How to Use DARE: Entries

- In addition to definitions, DARE dictionary entries note example quotations, regions of use, pronunciation, usage, etymology, cross references, and related words.
- Find related words via direct links from dictionary entries to relevant DARE survey question pages.

The screenshot displays the DARE website interface. The main heading is "Dictionary of American Regional English". Below it, there are tabs for "Dictionary" and "DARE Survey". The entry for "kitty-corner" is highlighted with a red box. The entry includes the following text:

**kitty-corner** *adv, adj* HIDE ALL QUOTATIONS

Also *kittacorner(ed)*, *kitter-corner(ed)*, *kitty-cornered*; for *addit varr* see *quots*  
[Prob folk-etym for *catty-corner* (at *catercorner adj*)]  
Note: It is not always possible to distinguish *adv* from *adj* uses.

**1** Diagonally, obliquely; crooked, askew; hence prep (phrr) *kitty-corner* (*from*), *- (to)* diagonally across from. chiefly **North, North Midland, West** See Map and Map Section  
Cf *kittering*, *kitty-cross*, *kitty-wampus*

HIDE QUOTATIONS

1890 DN 1.8, *Kittycornered*... would be an easy development from *cattycornered*.  
1896 DN 1.419 NY, *Kitter*... *cornered*.  
1905 DN 3.62 eNE, *Kittercorner(ed)*, *kittacorner(ed)*, *kittycorner(ed)*. . . See *cattycornered*.  
[*Ibid* 60, The building is *cattacorner(ed)* from the court house.]  
1910 DN 3.444 wNY, *Kittacornered*, *kittycornered*. . . See *cattacornered*.  
[*Ibid* 438, *Cattacornered*. . . Diagonally across from.]  
1912 DN 3.580 wIN, *Kitty-cornered*.  
1942 Berrey-Van den Bark *Amer. Slang* 42.4, *Diagonal(y)*, *cater-cornered*. . . *kitty-*

On the right side of the page, there is a section titled "Explore more" with a "DARE Survey" section below it. The "DARE Survey" section is also highlighted with a red box and contains several example quotations:

**POSITION**

Qu. MM14, If a drugstore is on one corner of a square and a gas station is on the far corner you might say, "The drugstore is \_\_\_\_\_ the gas station."

Qu. MM16, If you're walking with somebody to the other corner of a square, and you want to save steps, you might say, "It'll be shorter if we \_\_\_\_\_."

Qu. MM1, Words meaning 'opposite to': Suppose the barn is here (Gesture with hands) and the shed is here, you could say, "The shed is \_\_\_\_\_ the barn."

Qu. MM13, The table was nice and straight until he came along and knocked it \_\_\_\_\_.

Qu. MM15, If a carpenter nails a board crossing another board at an angle, you might say, "He nailed the board on \_\_\_\_\_."

# How to Use DARE: Audio and Maps

The screenshot displays the DARE website interface for the entry 'bad sick'. The page includes a search bar, navigation tabs for 'Dictionary' and 'DARE Survey', and a list of regional distribution maps. The entry for 'bad sick' is highlighted, showing its classification as an adjective phrase (adj phr) and its regional distribution. A map of the United States is shown with dots indicating the locations where 'bad sick' was recorded. The map is titled 'bad sick (Qu. BB42)'. The entry text includes a list of quotations and a 'Seriously ill.' section. A red box highlights a specific quotation from 1966: '1966 DARE Tape NCS4 [LISTEN]. The kid got bad sick and they didn't have—the closest doctor was fourteen miles.' Another red box highlights the map and its title.

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bad sick *adj phr* HIDE ALL QUOTATIONS

[EDD 1679 →] chiefly South, South Midland, but esp Inland South. See Map.

Seriously ill.

HIDE QUOTATIONS

1928 Peterkin *Scarlet Sister Mary* 321 SC, Unex was sick, bad sick. . . If he died she could not . . . bear it.

1929 Sale *Tree Nymph John* 100 MS, Ah jes kep' feelin' dat baby callin me, en Ah knowed hit wuz bad sick.

1939 Folk-Lore (London) 50.314 nWV, If a person is bad sick, he will die when the moon changes.

1942 in 1944 ADD nKS, '[My brother is] bad sick.' Rural.

1965–70 DARE

Qu. BB42, . . . Very sick  
30 Infs, scattered Sth, S Midl, but esp Inland Sth, Bad sick.

1966 DARE Tape NCS4 [LISTEN]. The kid got bad sick and they didn't have—the closest doctor was fourteen miles.

1969 DARE File ceKY, Had a bad-sick spell. . . To be very sick for quite a while.

1979 Verbatim 6.3.14 MO, *Bad sick* meant it was time to call the undertaker.

bad sick (Qu. BB42)

Explore more

By Region

Inland South  
South  
South Midland

BROWSE BY REGION

DARE Survey

HEALTH AND DISEASE

Qu. BB42, If a person is very sick you say he's

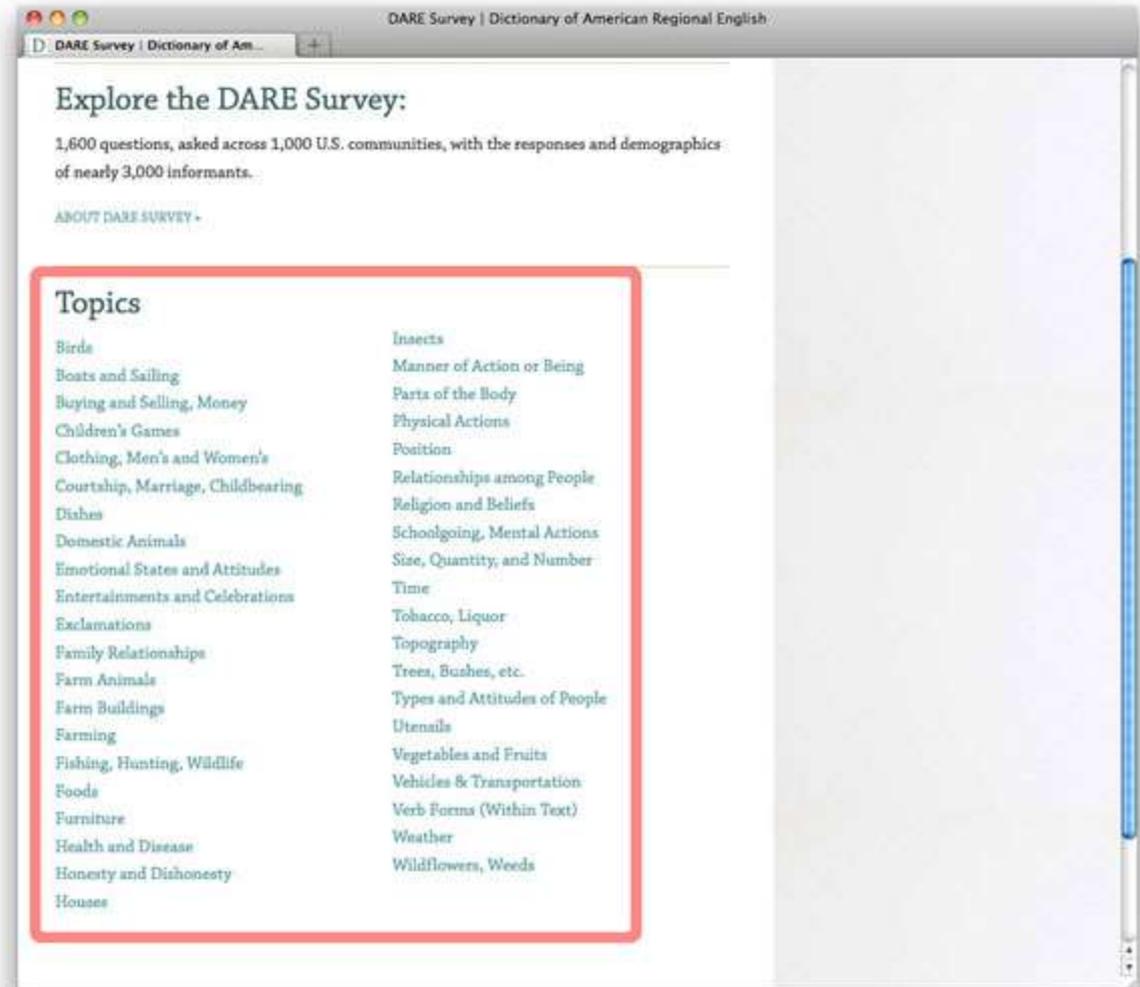
JUMP TO:

bad place, n  
bad place in the ro...  
bad rags, n pl  
bad religion, n  
bad sick, adj phr  
bad spot in the road  
bad time, n  
bad weave  
bad-weed milk, n  
bad week  
baffle around, v phr  
baft, n  
bag, n  
bag, v  
baga, n

- Hear more than 5,000 clips of original field recordings from the DARE survey.
- See regional distribution of dictionary words illustrated with nearly 3,000 maps.

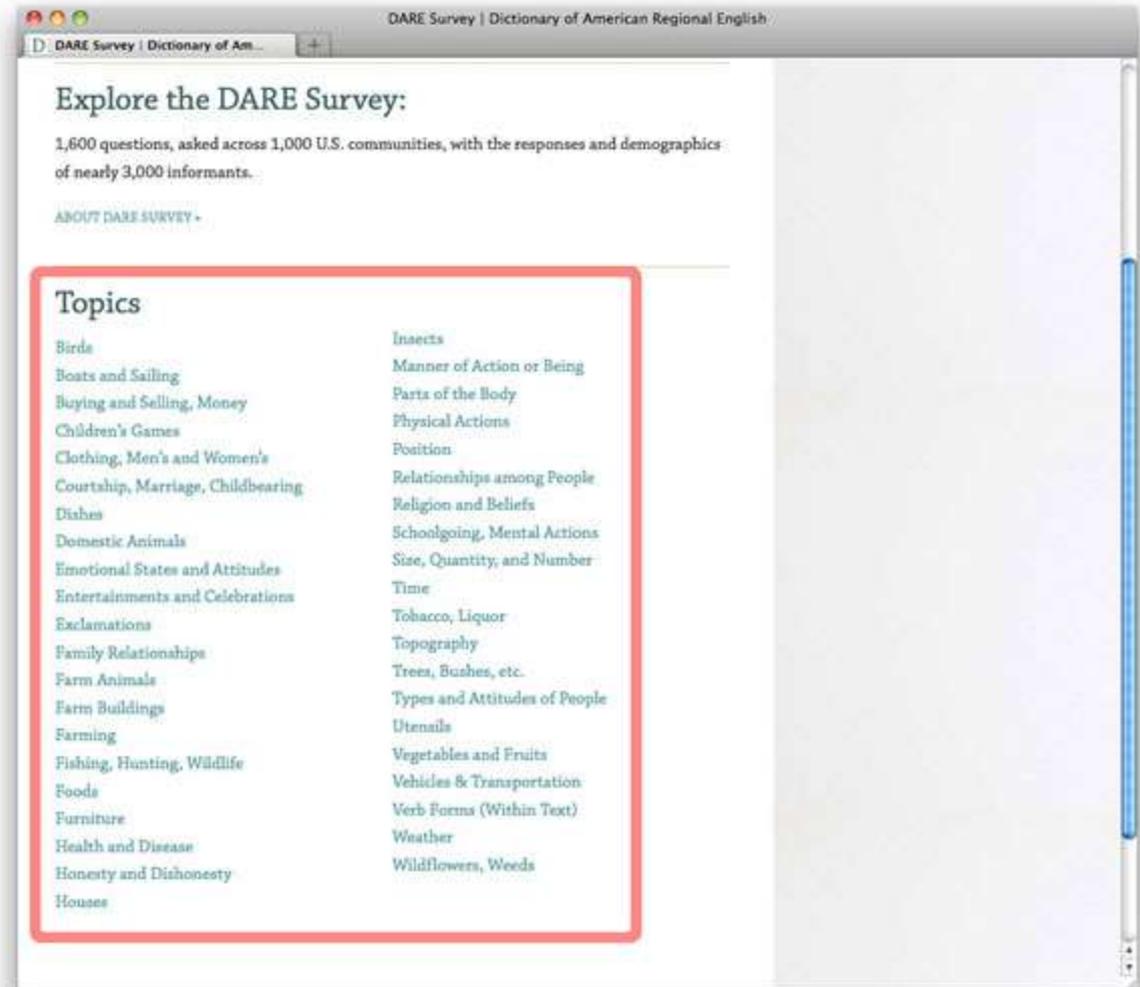
# How to Use DARE: Survey

- The DARE survey topically groups the more than 1,600 questions asked of nearly 3,000 informants across 1,002 U.S. communities.



# How to Use DARE: Survey Questions

- **Dedicated question pages allow easy browsing of all responses elicited by each question.**
- **Dynamically generated maps illustrate the frequency and regional distribution of the responses.**
- **Downloadable demographic data allows for investigation of the background of nearly 3,000 informants to find words used by people of different regions, community types, ages, races, genders, and education levels.**



# How to Use DARE: Sharing

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'honeyfuggle | Dictionary of American Regional English'. The page title is 'honeyfuggle | Dictionary of American Regional English'. The user is logged in as 'JOHN HARVARD'. A modal window titled 'Send an Email' is open, containing the following fields:

- Recipient's Email Address: jane\_harvard@harvard.edu
- Subject: Link from Dictionary of American Regional English
- Your Email Address: john\_harvard@harvard.edu
- Copy Me:
- Message (140 character limit): You were quite right about honeyfuggle!

Below the message field is a CAPTCHA challenge: 'Type the characters you see below into the box'. The CAPTCHA image shows the word 'was' in a stylized font, a 'dispon' logo, and a 'CAPTCHA' logo. Below the CAPTCHA is a text input field with the placeholder 'Type the text', a 'Privacy & Terms' link, and a 'SEND' button. The modal window also has a 'CANCEL' button.

- Quickly and easily share words, searches, and DARE survey questions via email or by posting to your favorite social media sites.

# How to Use DARE: My Dare

- Use “My DARE” to save dictionary entries, survey questions, and custom searches, and to create tags for organizing your saved content.

The screenshot shows the 'My Dare' page on the Dictionary of American Regional English website. The page is titled 'My Stuff | Dictionary of American Regional English' and includes a search bar and navigation links. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Most Recent (9)', 'My Content (8)', 'My Searches (1)', and 'My Account'. The 'My Content (8)' section is highlighted with a red box and contains a table of tags:

MY TAGS	
All items	
indulgence	edit delete
toys and games	edit delete
words for labor	edit delete
words used in business	edit delete

Below the tags section, the 'DELETED' section is highlighted with a red box and contains a table of saved items:

DELETED					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Type	Tags	Date saved	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	swing, Jodie	entry	toys and games	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	To undertake or carry out a job: "That's a big job for just one person to..."	question	words for labor	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Games in which one player's eyes are bandaged and he has to catch the others and guess who they are:	question	toys and games	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dutchman's measure	entry	words used in business	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomony pag	entry	toys and games	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	play-pretty	entry	toys and games	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	scutz work	entry	words for labor	Saved Today	Edit Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	acknowledge the corn	entry	indulgence	Saved Today	Edit Delete

At the bottom of the 'DELETED' section, there is a 'DELETED' button.

# How to Use DARE: My Dare

- The Bibliography of sources cited in the dictionary entries lists over 12,000 published sources, extending from the seventeenth century through the twenty-first.

