

NEW ENTRY:

bane

bane *n* 1 a source of harm or misfortune <Viewing the new laborsaving machinery as a *bane*, some 19th-century laborers went about destroying it in protest.>

synonyms affliction, curse, nemesis, scourge

related words hex, hoodoo, jinx; danger, hazard, menace, peril, risk, threat, trouble; booby trap, catch, pitfall, snag

near antonyms advantage, aid, assistance, gift, help, relief, support; comfort, consolation, solace; delight, joy, pleasure

antonyms benefit, blessing, boon, felicity, godsend, good, manna, windfall

2 a substance that by chemical action can kill or injure a living thing <a plant that is believed to be the *bane* of the wolf> — see POISON

• related word

• near antonyms

• antonyms

• a shared meaning

• a usage example (an example sentence or phrase, many in full sentences)

• look up synonyms at their own entries to find a usage example for that word

• **ADDITIONAL SENSES** provide coverage of other synonym groups to which the word belongs, either at this entry or at another entry, which is cross-referenced

Examples of **NEW SYNONYMS** and **RELATED WORDS** added to existing

At *mail*: *snail mail*, *e-mail*, and *electronic mail*

At *huge*: *ginormous*

At *relax*: *chill out*

At *communication*: *instant messaging* and *text messaging*

At *call*: *speed-dial*

At *scam*: *phishing*

At *trickster*: *phisher*