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Did you know?

Borne is, just like born, the past participle of the verb bear, which can mean (among other things) "to contain" or "to give birth to." At first, *borne* and *born* were variant spellings of the same adjective. Used as in *water-borne* (or *water-born*), it means "carried by." In the phrase "borne enemies" (or "born enemies"), it means "from birth." To add to the confusion, the spelling *borne* sees occasional use in the passive voice in the "to give birth to" sense, as in "two sons were borne by his wife." In combining forms, *born* is reserved for the adjective related to birth (as in *newly-born* and *Massachusetts-born*) and *borne* retains the sense of "carried" ("airborne passengers").