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From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary Englishdefectde·fect1 /dɪˈfekt, ˈdiːfekt/ ●●○ noun [countable] FAULT/something WRONGa fault or a lack of something that means that something or someone is not perfect All the cars are tested for defects before they leave the factory. a genetic defect► see thesaurus at faultCOLLOCATIONSADJECTIVES/NOUN + defect a serious defectThe movie has a few serious defects.a major defect (=very serious)They have found a major defect in the program.a slight/minor defectThere are one or two minor defects on the car's paintwork.a physical defectDoctors examined the baby and could find no physical defects.a structural defectOlder buildings are bound to have some structural defects.a genetic/inherited defect (=one that is passed to you in your genes)The condition is caused by a genetic defect.a birth defect (=one that you are born with)About 11% of children have birth defects.a heart defectLaura was born with a rare heart defect.a speech defect (=an incorrect way of saying certain sounds)He had a speech defect which made it quite difficult to understand him.a character defect (=a fault in your character)Laziness was just one of his character defects.verbshave a defectThe old system had some serious defects.correct a defectShe had surgery to correct a defect in her right eye. Examples from the Corpusdefect• Investigators found a defect in the design of the ship.• Little analysis was apparent in many of the early Programmes - a defect that was never entirely overcome.• A defect in the braking system caused several accidents before the car was recalled.• Children were considered ineligible to be controls if they were a twin, were adopted, or had a serious congenital defect.• By emphasizing every defect in her body, she offers a challenge to polite culture.• Because methodology is fully exposed, genuine defects may be revealed, or more frustratingly, discussion sidetracked away from implications.• His personal defects are a somewhat hostile reserve, conceit, and a narrow outlook...• People are born with these defects but often show no outward signs of problems.• These defects are readily apparent in this case.• Are you puzzled by the fact that Congress does little to remedy those defects in the bureaucracy against which it constantly rails? Citizenshipdefectdefect2 /dɪˈfekt/ verb [intransitive] PGCto leave your own country or group in order to go to or join an opposing onedefect to/from a Russian actor who defected to the West —defector noun [countable] —defection /dɪˈfekʃən/ noun [countable, uncountable]→ See Verb tableExamples from the Corpusdefect• Temptation to defect, 5 points.• At least one count in this region, Odulf, had already defected.• They were paying him for defecting, for answering questions about his military service.• Home Secretary Jack Straw's record would be reason enough to defect from Labour.• Two Conservatives have recently defected from the party, whose majority has dwindled to five in Parliament.• Almost every Republican woman I know also defected in both elections.• Who had persuaded the other to defect, to betray his fundamental principles in the name of personal loyalty?• If I am to live, I must defect with my aircraft. defect to/from• Not until the years of fast industrialization and construction were these defects to be remedied.• Companies learn about defects from consumer complaints, liability lawsuits and their own testing.• Our employees defected to Drexel at an alarming rate.• He defects to the Soviet Union.From Longman Business Dictionarydefectde·fect1 /dɪˈfekt, ˈdiːfekt/ noun [countable] MANUFACTURINGa fault in something that means it is not perfectThey recalled the vehicles because of brake defects.an effort to improve customer satisfaction and reduce product defectsa possible safety defect with the plane's autopilot → latent defect → zero defectsdefectde·fect2 /dɪˈfekt/ verb [intransitive] journalism1if the buyer of one product defects to another product, they stop buying the first one and start buying the second oneThey tried to retain customers who might defect to a credit card with a lower interest rate.2if an employee working for a particular company defects, they leave it and start working for anotherAlthough several senior employees have defected, it's not true that there's any kind of mass walkout. —defector noun [countable]When a group of his partners announced they were leaving, the firm prevented the defectors from entering their offices. —defection noun [countable, uncountable]The big investment bank has been hit by client defections.→ See Verb tableOrigin defect1 (1400-1500) Old French Latin defectus "lack", from defectus, past participle of deficere "to go away from, fail, lack" defect2 (1500-1600) Latin defectus, past participle; → DEFECT1 noun (3)verb (used without object) (1)a shortcoming, fault, or imperfection: a defect in a machine.a defect in an argument;a defect in a machine.lack or want, especially of something essential to perfection or completeness; deficiency: a defect of action.a defect of common sensea defect of action.Also called lattice defect. Also called crystal defect,. Crystallography. a discontinuity in the lattice of a crystal caused by missing or extra atoms or ions, or by dislocations.to desert a cause, country, etc., especially in order to adopt another (often followed by from orto).He defected from the U.S.S.R. to the West.a lack of something necessary for completeness or perfection; shortcoming; deficiencyan imperfection, failing, or blemishcrystallog a local deviation from regularity in the crystal lattice of a solid See also point defect dislocation"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012(intr) to desert one's country, cause, allegiance, etc, esp in order to join the opposing forces"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012defectible adjectivedefectibility noundefectless adjectivenondefecting adjectivepredefect nounredefect verb (used without object)deˈfector nounOrigin of defect1First recorded in 1375–1425; late Middle English, from Latin dēfectus "failure, weakness," equivalent to dēfec-, variant stem of dēficere "to run short, fail, weaken" (deficient) + -tus suffix of verb actionOrigin of defect1C15: from Latin dēfectus, from dēficere to forsake, fail; see deficientDefect, blemish, flaw refer to faults that detract from perfection. Defect is the general word for any kind of shortcoming or imperfection, whether literal or figurative: a defect in eyesight, in a plan. A blemish is usually a defect on a surface, which mars the appearance: a blemish on her cheek. Flaw is applied to a defect in quality, caused by imperfect structure (as in a diamond) or brought about during manufacture (as in texture of cloth, in clearness of glass, etc.).Examples have not been reviewed.Survivors allege they have suffered cancers of the liver, bone, bowel, skin and brain, as well as leukaemia, heart disease, stillbirths and generational birth defects as a result of exposure to the nuclear tests.By this time, it was not uncommon to hear of Cuban actors and sports stars defecting to the U.S.The claim alleges the earplugs suffered from a design defect which meant they were unable to form a complete seal in the soldier's ear.Some of the drugs were recalled — just before or just after they were exempted — because of contaminants or other defects that could cause health problems, government records show.Investigators will review the service history of all components of the aircraft that were removed and replaced, examining reported defects for any recurring issues - or signs of problems that could have affected this flight.defecationdefectedBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsstuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC DEFECTnounEtymology: defectus, Latin.1. Want; absence of something necessary; insufficiency; the fault opposed to superfluity. Errors have been corrected, and defects supplied. Davies. Had this strange energy been less,Defect had been as fatal as excess. Richard Blackmore, Creation.2. Failing; want. Oft 'tis seenOur mean secures us, and our mere defectsProve our commodities. William Shakespeare, King Lear.3. A fault; mistake; error. We had rather follow the perfections of them whom we like not, than in defects resemble them whom we love. Richard Hooker. You praise yourself,By laying defects of judgment to me. William Shakespeare, Ant. and Cleop. Trust not yourself; but your defects to know,Make use of ev'ry friend —— and ev'ry foe. Alexander Pope, Essay.4. Any natural imperfection; a blemish; a failure. Men, through some defect in the organs, want words, yet fail not to express their universal ideas by signs. John Locke.To DefectverbTo be deficient; to fall short of; to fail. Obsolete.Etymology: from the noun.Some lost themselves in attempts above humanity, yet the enquiries of most defected by the way, and tired within the sober circumference of knowledge. Thomas Browne, Vulgar Errours. noun jump to other results a fault in something or in the way it has been made that means that it is not perfectExtra ExamplesGoods with slight defects are sold at half price.The photograph shows slight defects due to age.The book contains serious defects.The builders agreed to remedy the structural defects.A structural defect meant that the bridge could not be opened in time for the Millennium celebrations.The inspector found defects in the aircraft's construction.a fundamental defect in the productThis product is no longer on sale because of a manufacturing defect.major defects in the education systema defect of her characterMany people argue that the present system of voting has some serious defects.The manufacturer is responsible for any defects that may cause damage.Vulnerable people are going short of money because of defects in the payment system.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveverb + defectprepositionSee full entry (sometimes offensive) a physical problem with part of somebody's body or the way that it works Some people dislike the use of defect to refer to a physical problem, as they think it suggests that a person is not as good as other people.Extra ExamplesThe child had a mild heart defect.He has a congenital heart defect.Congenital defects occurred in 30% of babies born in areas where the weapons were used.The drug is widely known to cause birth defects.There is evidence that air pollution can cause birth defects.Over-breeding in pedigree dogs can cause major genetic defects in puppies. Word Originnoun late Middle English (as a noun, influenced by Old French defect 'deficiency'): from Latin defectus, past participle of deficere 'desert or fail', from de- (expressing reversal) + facere 'do'.See defect in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee defect in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English Nearby words defecate verb defecation noun defect noun defect verb defection noun imagery noun From the Word list Oxford 5000 C1 Oxford Learner's Dictionaries Word of the Day (redirected from defects)Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Idioms, Encyclopedia.Related to defects: latent defects (dē′fĕkt′, dĭ-fĕkt′)n. An imperfection or lack that causes inadequacy or failure; a shortcoming or deficiency. See Synonyms at blemish.intr.v. (dĭ-fĕkt′) de·fect·ed, de·fect·ing, de·fects 1. To disown allegiance to one's country and take up residence in another: a Soviet citizen who defected to Israel.2. To abandon a position or association, often to join an opposing group: defected from the party over the issue of free trade.[Middle English, from Latin dēfectus, failure, want, from past participle of dēficere, to desert, be wanting : dē-, de- + facere, to do; see dhē- in Indo-European roots.]American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. n 1. a lack of something necessary for completeness or perfection; shortcoming; deficiency 2. an imperfection, failing, or blemish 3. (Chemistry) crystallog a local deviation from regularity in the crystal lattice of a solid. See also point defect, dislocation3 vb (intr) to desert one's country, cause, allegiance, etc, esp in order to join the opposing forces [C15: from Latin dēfectus, from dēficere to forsake, fail; see deficient] Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (n. ˈdi fɛkt, dɪˈfɛkt; v. dɪˈfɛkt) n. 1. a fault or shortcoming; imperfection. 2. lack of something essential: a defect in hearing. v.i. 3. to desert a cause, country, etc.: to defect to the West. [1375–1425; late Middle English < Latin dēfectus failure, weakness, derivative of dēficere to run short, fail, weaken (see deficient)] syn: defect, blemish, flaw refer to faults, both literal and figurative, that detract from perfection. defect is the general word for any kind of shortcoming, imperfection, or deficiency, whether hidden or visible: a birth defect; a defect in a plan. A blemish is usu. a surface defect that mars the appearance; it is also used of a moral fault: a skin blemish; a blemish on his reputation. A flaw is usu. a structural defect or weakness that mars the quality or effectiveness: a flaw in a diamond. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved.Past participle: defectedGerund: defectingImperativePresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFutureFuture PerfectFuture ContinuousPresent Perfect ContinuousFuture Perfect ContinuousPast Perfect ContinuousConditionalPast ConditionalCollins English Verb Tables © HarperCollins Publishers 2011 Noun1.defect - an imperfection in a bodily system; "visual defects"; "this device permits detection of defects in the lungs"myelatelia - any developmental defect of the spinal cordimperfection, imperfectness - the state or an instance of being imperfect2.defect - a failing or deficiency; "that interpretation is an unfortunate defect of our lack of information"disadvantage - the quality of having an inferior or less favorable position3.defect - an imperfection in an object or machine; "a flaw caused the crystal to shatter"; "if there are any defects you should send it back to the manufacturer"imperfection, imperfectness - the state or an instance of being imperfectblister - a flaw on a surface resulting when an applied substance does not adhere (as an air bubble in a coat of paint)glitch, bug - a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machinehole - a fault; "he shot holes in my argument"4.defect - a mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body); "a facial blemish"appearance, visual aspect - outward or visible aspect of a person or thingbirthmark, nevus - a blemish on the skin that is formed before birthchatter mark - a mark made by a chattering tool on the surface of a workpiecechip, check - a mark left after a small piece has been chopped or broken off of somethingcrack - a blemish resulting from a break without complete separation of the parts; "there was a crack in the mirror"gouge, nick, ding, dent - an impression in a surface (as made by a blow)mole - a small congenital pigmented spot on the skinscar, scrape, scratch, mark - an indication of damageburn mark, burn - a place or area that has been burned (especially on a person's body)stigma - a skin lesion that is a diagnostic sign of some diseaseverruca, wart - (pathology) a firm abnormal elevated blemish on the skin; caused by a virusmilium, whitehead - a small whitish lump in the skin due to a clogged sebaceous glandblackhead, comedo - a black-tipped plug clogging a pore of the skinVerb1.defect - desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army; "If soldiers deserted Hitler's army, they were shot"flee, take flight, fly - run away quickly; "He threw down his gun and fled"rat - desert one's party or group of friends, for example, for one's personal advantageBased on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. deficiency, want, failing, lack, mistake, fault, error, absence, weakness, flaw, shortcoming, inadequacy, imperfection, frailty, foible The report pointed out the defects in the present system.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002noun1. The condition or fact of being deficient:deficiency, deficit, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scantness, scarceness, scarcity, shortage, shortcoming, shortfall, underage.verb The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. chybakazpřestoupitvadazávadadefektflygtehoppe afmangelbristFehlerDefektSchadenüberlaufenüberwechselnαποσκιρτώαυτομολώελάττωμαdefectodesertarfallatachadéfautdefectdégâtdéserterinsuffisancegallihlaupast undan merkjumdifettodisertarepeccavizioavariadezertyravimasdezertyruotisu trūkumaisdefektsmeklēt politisku patvērumupārbēgttrūkumsmangelskavankfalle frafeilflyktеедефектнедостатокизменятьдезертироватьkusurayrılmakbozuklukkarşı tarafa geçmekCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. 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It was a basic defect in her character; a defect in the china. gebrek, fout, tekortkoming عَيْب дефект defeito kaz, chyba der Fehler defekt; mangel brist ελάττωμα, ψεγάδιdefecto puudus, viga نقص؛ كاستى vika défautפגם ,, ,,,,, greška, nedostatak hiány(ország) cacat galli difetto 欠点 trūkumas trūkums; defekts belot tekort, foutfeil, mangel, skavankwada, skaza نیمگوئیا, عیب, نقص, کمبودی defeito defect недостаток; дефект kaz napaka nedostatak defekt ,,,,,,,,,,, kusur, bozukluk 缺陷 хиба, дефект کوئی عیب یا نقص khuyết điểm 缺陷 (diˈfekt) country, political party etc to go and join another; to desert. He defected to the West. wegbreek, uitwyk, oorloop تَهْرُبُ من بِلادِه، تَتَخَلّى عن جِزْبِه، تَرْتَدّ напускам deserdar zběhnout; přestoupit (k) überwechseln hoppe af; flygte αυτομολώ, λιποτακτώdesertar (kellegi poole) üle jooksma ترک کردن؛ پشت کردن loikata passer à, déserter לערוק ,,,,,, ,,,,, prebjeći, dezertirati disszidál membelot hlaupast undan rifugiarsi 逐返る pabēgti, dezertyruoti pārbēgt; meklēt politisku patvērumu berpalinh tadah overlopenhoppe av, flykte, falle frauchodzić (لکه دونی) پاڼې کول desertar a dezerta; a fugi перебегать prestúpiť k; emigrovať prestopiti; prebežati prebeći hoppa av ,,,,,,; ,,,,,,,,,, karşı tarafa geçmek, ayrılmak 叛逃 , 脱離(政黨等) дезертирувати; тікати закордон متحرف ونا đào tẩu 叛逃de'fection (-ʃən) noun desertion. oorlopery إرتداد, تَخَلٍّ عن جِزْب, هَرَب, дезертиране deserção zběhnutí; odpadnutí der Abfall afhopning λιποταξίαdeserción ülejooksmine ترک؛ روگردانی loikkaus défectionעריקה ,,,,, dezertiranje, prebjeg disszidálás pembelotan liðhlaup defezione, diserzione 離反 , dezertyravimas pārbēgšana; politiska patvēruma meklēšana pembelotan het overlopen avhopping, frafallucieczka, پرلوزنه دریدنه, تشنیدنه, پریشودنه deserção dezertare; plecare дезертирство odpadnutie; zbehnutie pobeg prebeg avhopp ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, karşı tarafa geçme, ayrılma 背叛 порушення обов'язку; відхід ملک یا مقصد کو ترک کرنا این sự rời bỏ 背叛de'fective (-tiv) adjective having a fault or flaw. a defective machine; He is mentally defective. gebrekkig, defek, foutief نافِص, فيه عَيْب дефектен defeituoso kazo ελαττωματικόςdefectuoso rikkis, puudulik معیوب؛ خراب viallinen défectueux, déficientפגום ,,,,,,,,,,,, kojem nešto fali, defektan sérült punya cacat gallaður; afbrigðilegur difettoso; ritardato 欠点のある su trūkumais, sugedęs, neišsivystęs defektīvs; nepilnīgs; bojāts rosak defect, gebrekkigmangelfull, defektwadliwy نامکمل, غیر کافی, عیب درلودونکی defeituoso cu defecte; deficient неисправный; дефект chybný pokvarjen; moten defektivan bristfällig, defekt, efterbliven ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, kusurlu, bozuk 有缺陷的 пошкоджений; дефективний ناقص یا عیبی có thiếu sót 有缺陷的Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. → خَلَل vada defekt Schaden ελάττωμα defecto vika défaut nedostatak difetto 欠陥 ,, defect mangel wada defeito дефект brist ,,,,,,,,,,,, kusur khiếm điểm 缺陷Multilingual Translator © HarperCollins Publishers 2009n. defecto; insuficiencia; fallo. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary © Farlex 2012 n defecto; atrial septal — (ASD) comunicación f interauricular (CIA); birth — defecto congénito (form), defecto de nacimiento; neural tube — defecto del tubo neural; ventricular septal — (VSD) comunicación f interventricular (CIV)English-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright © 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: A list of the cases in which Congress have been betrayed, or forced by the defects of the Confederation, into violations of their chartered authorities, would not a little surprise those who have paid no attention to the subject; and would be no inconsiderable argument in favor of the new Constitution, which seems to have provided no less studiously for the lesser, than the more obvious and striking defects of the old.Perhaps the men she carried had asked her to do too much, had stretched beyond breaking-point the enduring faithfulness which seems wrought and hammered into that assemblage of iron ribs and plating, of wood and steel and canvas and wire, which goes to the making of a ship - a complete creation endowed with character, individuality, qualities and defects, by men whose hands launch her upon the water, and that other men shall learn to know with an intimacy surpassing the intimacy of man with man, to love with a love nearly as great as that of man for woman, and often as blind in its infatuated disregard of defects.It is one of the defects of my character that I cannot altogether dislike anyone who makes me laugh.Of defects did the spirit of those Saviours consist; but into every defect had they put their illusion, their stop-gap, which they called God.The Author is quite aware of the defects of this little story, many of which were unavoidable, as it first appeared serially.The defects," he added, with a look at the ruined brick-work, "are merely basic and fundamental."With a grave appearance of impartiality he declared that as they were now finally committing themselves to Reform or Innovation, it was desirable that they should take one last view of the perimeter of the whole subject, its defects as well as its advantages.I say, in answer, we have proved, first, that the wife was passionately attached to the husband; secondly, that she felt bitterly the defects in her personal appearance, and especially the defects in her complexion; and, thirdly, that she was informed of arsenic as a supposed remedy for those defects, taken internally.Money and fine clothes could not mend these defects or cover them up; they only made them more glaring and the more pathetic.Then if there are any imperfections in the constitutions of states (and that many such exist the diversity of constitutions is alone sufficient to assure us), custom has without doubt materially smoothed their inconveniences, and has even managed to steer altogether clear of, or insensibly corrected a number which sagacity could not have provided against with equal effect; and, in fine, the defects are almost always more tolerable than the change necessary for their removal; in the same manner that highways which wind among mountains, by being much frequented, become gradually so smooth and commodious, that it is much better to follow them than to seek a straighter path by climbing over the tops of rocks and descending to the bottoms of precipices.They have forced themselves upon the sensibility of the people at large, and have at length extorted from those, whose mistaken policy has had the principal share in precipitating the extremity at which we are arrived, a reluctant confession of the reality of those defects in the scheme of our federal government, which have been long pointed out and regretted by the intelligent friends of the Union.There are also great defects in the institution of their senators. defected, defecting, defects Meanings Synonyms Sentences Lack of something necessary for completeness; deficiency; shortcoming. An imperfection or weakness; fault; flaw; blemish. An error or flaw in a process or product, affecting performance and potentially causing harm; a shortcoming in a legal document that may lead to its invalidity, or in a pleading that may lead to its dismissal. (mathematics) A part by which a figure or quantity is wanting or deficient. To forsake a party or cause, esp. so as to join the opposition. To leave one's country because of disapproval of its political policies and settle in another that opposes such policies. To abandon a position or association, often to join an opposing group. Defected from the party over the issue of free trade. From Middle French defaicte, from Latin defectus ("a failure, lack"), from deficere ("to fail, lack, literally 'undo'"), from past participle defectus, from de- ("priv.") + facere ("to do"). From Wiktionary Middle English from Latin dēfectus failure, want from past participle of dēficere to desert, be wanting dē- de- facere to do dhē- in Indo-European roots From American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition