

Deciphering Etymology Details

The History of English

sleep

[**ME** *slepe*, fr. **OE** *slǣp*; akin to **OHG** *slāf*, **L** *labi* to slip, slide] (**bef. 12c**)

1: the natural periodic suspension of consciousness during which the powers of the body are restored **2:** a state resembling sleep as a death, trance, coma

dance

[**ME** *dauncen*, fr. **OF** *dancier*] (14c)

1: to engage in or perform a dance **2:**
to move or seem to move up and
down or about in a quick or lively
manner

stampede

[**AmerSp** *estampida*, fr. **Sp**, crash, fr, *estampar* to stamp, of **Gmc** origin; akin to **OHG** *stampfōn* to stamp] (1843)

1: a wild headlong rush or flight or flight of frightened animals **2:** a mass movement of people at a common impulse **3:** an extended festival combining a rodeo with exhibitions, contests, or social events