

Word of the Week

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Escalate

Definition: increase quickly

Synonym: increase, rise, accelerate, climb

Antonym: decrease, lessen, diminish

Part of speech: Verb

Origin: English

Root: First used in 1922 for 'escalator' but first used for rise in 1959

Prefix: de-

Suffix: -ing, -ed, -ion, -ory

Sentences with the word: The manager decided to escalate the situation.
Prices can escalate each year.

