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ven-ture (vēn-ĭ chər)

n.

1. An undertaking that is dangerous, daring, or of uncertain outcome.
2. A business enterprise involving some risk in expectation of gain.
3. Something, such as money or cargo, at hazard in a risky enterprise.

v. **ven-tured**, **ven-tur-ing**, **ven-tures**

v.tr.

1. To expose to danger or risk: *ventured her entire fortune on a single stock.*
2. To brave the dangers of: *ventured the high seas in a small boat.*
3. To express at the risk of denial, criticism, or censure: *"I would venture to guess that Anon., who wrote so many poems without signing them, was often a woman" (Virginia Woolf).*

v.intr.

1. To take a risk; dare.
2. To proceed despite possible danger or risk: *ventured into the wilderness.*

Idiom:

at a venture

By mere chance or fortune; at random.

[Middle English, chance, short for *aventure*, adventure; see [ADVENTURE](#).]

ven-tur-er *n.*

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