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| [lwod-logo](https://learnersdictionary.com/?utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=lwotd&utm_content=header&utm_email=8af4015e265bdeff451911458645b56e) |  | *Learner’s Word of the Day*    **June 27, 2021** |



*The bridge is deteriorating.*

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| **deteriorate**   [lwod-audio-pron-red](https://learnersdictionary.com/audio?file=deteri01&format=mp3&word=deteriorate&pron=d%C9%AA%CB%88tirij%C9%99%CB%8Cre%C9%AAt&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=lwotd&utm_content=pron&utm_email=8af4015e265bdeff451911458645b56e)/dɪˈtirijəˌreɪt/   ***verb*** |

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| lwod-clear | |
| **1** [no object] **:** to become worse as time passes | |
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| lwod-bullet | The weather gradually deteriorated [=worsened] as the day went on. |
| lwod-clear | |
| lwod-bullet | Her health continues to deteriorate. [=decline] |
| lwod-clear | |
| lwod-bullet | efforts to save a deteriorating rain forest |
| lwod-clear | |
| lwod-bullet | The disagreement **deteriorated into** a fight. [=the disagreement got worse and eventually became a fight] |
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| **2** [+ object] **:** to make (something) worse | |
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| lwod-bullet | Exposure to rain and sun will gradually deteriorate the paint. |
| lwod-clear | |
| — **deteriorated** adjective | |
| lwod-clear | |
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| lwod-bullet | a deteriorated [=run-down, dilapidated] building |
| lwod-clear | |
| lwod-bullet | a badly deteriorated part of the city |