

berm



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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(noun) BURM

Embankment of earth or man-made material , a narrow raised path or ledge alongside a road or canal, a wall of sand built as a defence in desert warfare.

Berm isn't a word I've heard much since the first Gulf war, but the low earthworks that litter the XPB hillside are known thus.

Tim Moore, *The Guardian*, 29 September 2007. Guardian

The modern descendant of the Great Wall of China and Hadrian's Wall is the huge sand **berm** built by Morocco to keep Polisario guerrillas out of the slice of the Western Sahara it claims as its own.

Julian Borger, *The Guardian*, 24 April 2007. Guardian

It taxis tentatively down the runway before coming to a stop in front of a large concrete **berm**.

Denny Lee, *The New York Times*, 9 April 2004. New York Times

Down in tough South Central lies the Science Center School, which combines a lofty renovation of a historic armory with a tilted bar of a new building that sinks to the ground and is protected from the street by a planted **berm**.

Arthur Lubow, *The New York Times*, 16 January 2005. New York Times

Cummings stood stunned; he stumbled over the **berm**, looking for help but he found only a farm field of tall dry corn.

George Saunders, *The Falls* in *The New Yorker*, January 22, 1996. The New Yorker