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**mis·sile** (mɪsɪəl, -ɪl')

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- n.*
1. An object or weapon that is fired, thrown, dropped, or otherwise projected at a target; a projectile.
  2. A guided missile.
  3. A ballistic missile.

[Latin, from neuter of *missilis*, able to be thrown, from *missus*, past participle of *mittere*, to let go, throw.]

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