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drill-stem test. A procedure for determining the potential productivity of an oil or gas reservoir by measuring reservoir pressures and flow capacities while the drill pipe is still in the hole, the well is still full of drilling mud, and usually the well is uncased. The tool consists of a packer to isolate the section to be tested and a chamber to collect a sample of fluid. It is similar to a temporary completion of the well. Abbrev: DST. Cf: *wireline test*.

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