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2. A person whose work shows exceptional creative ability or skill: *You are an artist in the kitchen.*
3. One, such as an actor or singer, who works in the performing arts.
4. One who is adept at an activity, especially one involving trickery or deceit: *a con artist.*

[French *artiste*, from Old French, lettered person, from Medieval Latin *artista*, from Latin *ars*, *art-*, *art*; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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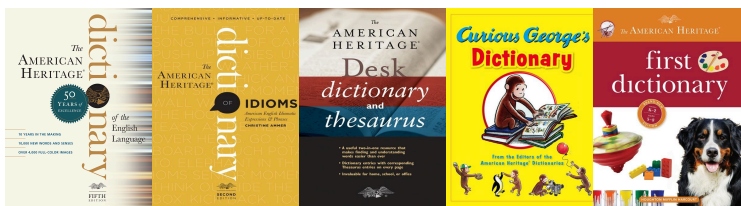
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