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n.

1.

a. The act of coordinating.

b. The state of being coordinate; harmonious adjustment or interaction.

2. *Physiology* Harmonious functioning of muscles or groups of muscles in the execution of movements.

3. *Grammar* The linking of two syntactically equal units, as by a coordinate conjunction.

[French, from Medieval Latin *coōrdinātiō*, *coōrdinātiōn*- : *co*-, *co*- + Latin *ōrdinātiō*, arrangement (from *ōrdinātus*, past participle of *ōrdināre*, to arrange in order, from *ōrdō*, *ōrdin*-, order; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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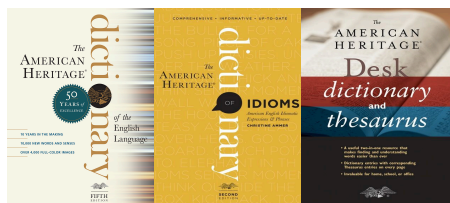
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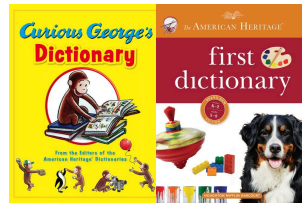
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