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**ra·tion**  (răsh ən, rā shən)

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*n.*

1. A fixed portion, especially an amount of food allotted to persons in military service or to civilians in times of scarcity.

2. **rations** Food issued or available to members of a group.

*tr.v.* **ra·tioned, ra·tion·ing, ra·tions**

1. To supply with rations.

2.

a. To distribute as rations: *rationed out flour and sugar.*

b. To restrict to limited allotments, as during wartime: *ration gasoline.* See Synonyms at [distribute](#).

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[French, from Latin *ratio*, *ration*-, calculation; see [RATIO](#).]

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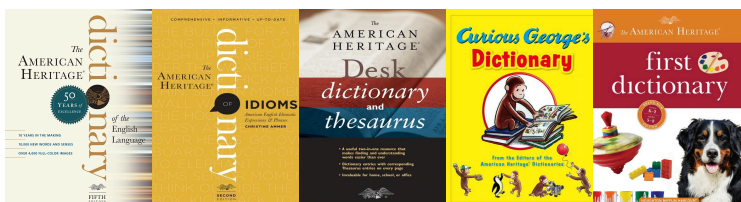
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