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- adj.*
1. Expressing or characterized by warmth of feeling; passionate: *an ardent lover*.
 2. Displaying or characterized by strong enthusiasm or devotion; fervent: "*an impassioned age, so ardent and serious in its pursuit of art*" (Walter Pater).
 3.
 - a. Burning; fiery.
 - b. Glowing; shining: *ardent eyes*.

[Middle English *ardaunt*, from Old French *ardant*, from Latin *ārdēns*, *ārdent-*, present participle of *ārdere*, to burn; see **as-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ar den·cy (-dn-sē) *n.*

ar dent·ly *adv.*

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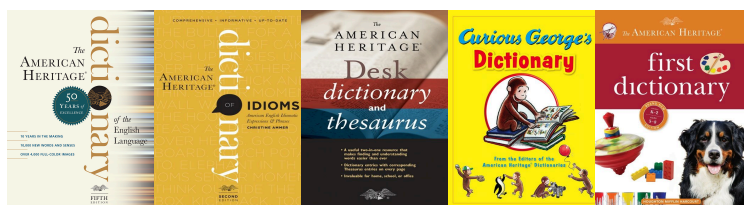
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