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n. pl. an·nu·i·ties

1.

a. The annual payment of an allowance or income.

b. The right to receive this payment or the obligation to make this payment.

2. A contract or agreement by which one receives fixed payments on an investment for a lifetime or for a specified number of years.

[Middle English *annuite*, from Anglo-Norman, from Medieval Latin *annuitās*, from Latin *annuus*, yearly, from *annus*, year; see **at-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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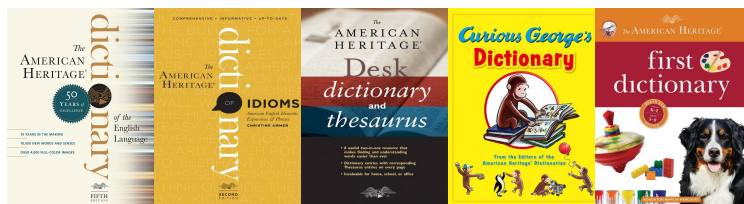
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