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au·dit  (ô dīt)

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n.

1. An examination of records or financial accounts to check their accuracy.
2. An adjustment or correction of accounts.
3. An examined and verified account.
4. A thorough examination or evaluation: *an audit of water use.*

v. **au·dit·ed**, **au·dit·ing**, **au·dits**

v.tr.

1. To examine, verify, or correct the financial accounts of: *Independent accountants audit the company annually. The IRS audits questionable income tax returns.*
2. To attend (a course) without requesting or receiving academic credit.
3. To examine or evaluate (something) thoroughly: *audit a house's energy consumption.*

v.intr.

To conduct an audit.

[Middle English (influenced by *auditor*, auditor), from Latin *audītus*, a hearing, from past participle of *audīre*, to hear; see **au-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

au dit·a·ble *adj.*

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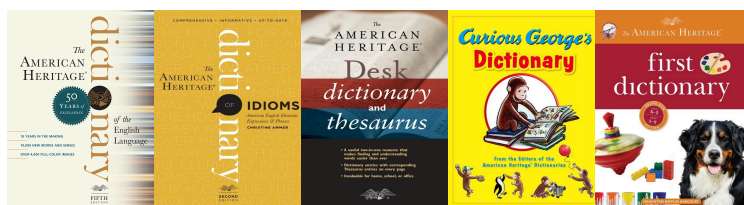
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