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v. **o·beyed**, **o·bey·ing**, **o·beys**

v.*tr.*

1. To carry out or fulfill the command, order, or instruction of.

2. To carry out or comply with (a command, for example).

v.*intr.*

To behave obediently.

[Middle English *obeien*, from Old French *obeir*, from Latin *oboedire*, to listen to : *ob-*, to; see [OB-](#) + *audire*, to hear; see [au-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

o·bey *er n.*

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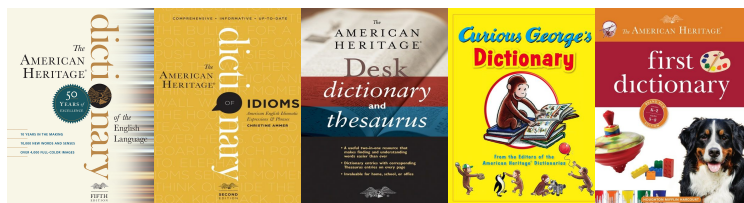
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