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- n.*
1. A public sale in which property or items of merchandise are sold to the highest bidder.
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- tr.v.* **auc·tioned**, **auc·tion·ing**, **auc·tions**
To sell at or by an auction: *auctioned off the remaining inventory.*

[Latin *auctiō*, *auctiōn-*, from *auctus*, past participle of *augēre*, to increase; see **aug-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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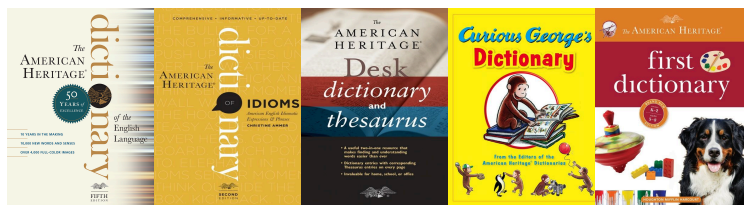
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