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n.

A former unit of currency in East Germany worth 100 pfennigs.

[German : *Ost*, east (from Middle High German *ōst*, *ōsten*, from Old High German *ōstan*; see **aus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Mark*, mark (from Middle High German *marke*, *marc*; see [MARK](#)²).]

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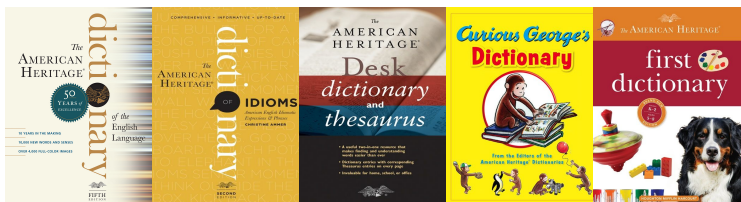
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