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n. pl. de·bil·i·ties

The state of being weak or feeble; infirmity.

[Middle English *debilite*, from Old French, from Latin *dēbilitās*, from *dēbilis*, weak; see **bel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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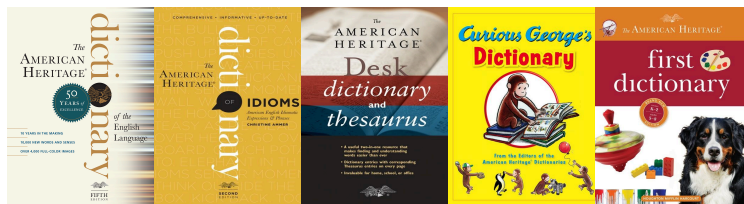
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