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fan·ta·sy  (făn tă-sē, -zē)

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n. pl. fan·ta·sies

1. The creative imagination; unrestrained fancy.
2. Something, such as an invention, that is a creation of the fancy.
3. A capricious or fantastic idea; a conceit.
4.
 - a. A genre of fiction or other artistic work characterized by fanciful or supernatural elements.
 - b. A work of this genre.
5. An imagined event or sequence of mental images, such as a daydream, usually fulfilling a wish or psychological need.
6. An unrealistic or improbable supposition.
7. *Music* See [fantasia](#).
8. A coin issued especially by a questionable authority and not intended for use as currency.
9. *Obsolete* A hallucination.

adj.

Relating to or being a game in which participants act as owners of imaginary sports teams whose personnel consists of actual players selected from a professional sports league and team performance is determined by the combined statistics of the players.

tr.v. fan·ta·sied, fan·ta·sy·ing, fan·ta·sies

To imagine; visualize.

[Middle English *fantasie*, *fantsy*, from Old French *fantasie*, from Latin *phantasia*, from Greek *phantasiā*, appearance, imagination, from *phantazesthai*, to appear, from *phantos*, visible, from *phainesthai*, *phan-*, to appear, passive of *phainein*, to show; see **bhā**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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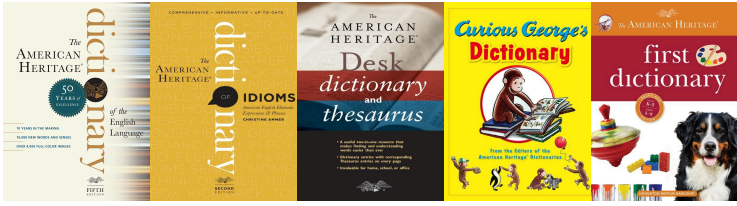
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