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v. **beck·oned**, **beck·on·ing**, **beck·ons**

v.tr.

1. To signal or summon, as by nodding or waving.

2. To attract because of an inviting or enticing appearance: "*a lovely, sunny country that seemed to beckon them on to the Emerald City*" (L. Frank Baum).

v.intr.

1. To make a signaling or summoning gesture.

2. To be inviting or enticing.

n.

A gesture of summons.

[Middle English *bekenen*, from Old English *bīecnan*, *bēcnan*; see **bhā**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

beck on·er *n.*

beck on·ing·ly *adv.*

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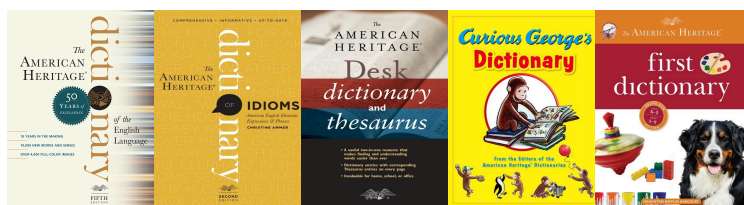
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