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n.

1.

a. A person who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter through whom the will of a god is expressed.

b. One of the highest-ranking leaders of the Mormon church, considered by the faithful to be divinely inspired, and responsible for establishing and revising doctrine.

2. A person gifted with profound moral insight and exceptional powers of expression.

3. A predictor; a soothsayer.

4. The chief spokesperson of a movement or cause.

5.

a. **Prophets** (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*) The second of the three divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures, comprising the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve. Used with *the*. See Table at [Bible](#).

b. **Prophet** One of the prophets mentioned in the Bible, especially one believed to be the author of one of these books. Used with *the*.

6. **Prophet Islam** Muhammad. Used with *the*.

[Middle English *prophete*, from Old French, from Latin *prophēta*, from Greek *prophētēs* : *pro-*, forth; see [PRO-](#)² + *-phētēs*, speaker (from *phanai*, to speak; see **bhā-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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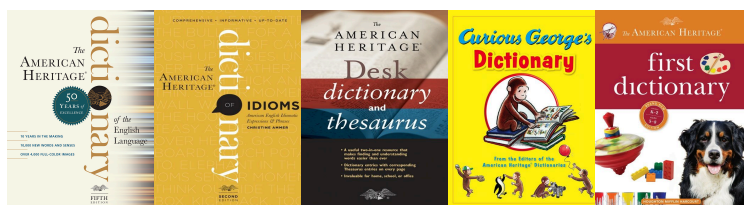
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