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tr.v. **ban·ished**, **ban·ish·ing**, **ban·ish·es**

1. To force to leave a country or place by official decree; exile: *The spy was found guilty of treason and banished from the country.*
2. To drive away; expel: *We banished all our doubts and fears.*

[Middle English *banishen*, from Old French *banir*, *baniss-*, of Germanic origin; see **bhā**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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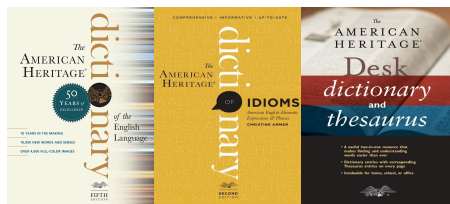
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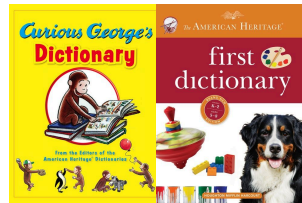
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