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tr. & intr.v. fayed, fay·ing, fays
To join or fit closely or tightly.

[Middle English *feien*, from Old English *fēgan*; see **pag-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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n.
A fairy or an elf.

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n.
Archaic
Faith: "*Sirrah, by my fay, it waxes late*" (Shakespeare).

[Middle English *fai*, from Anglo-Norman *fei*, *fed*; see [FAITH](#).]

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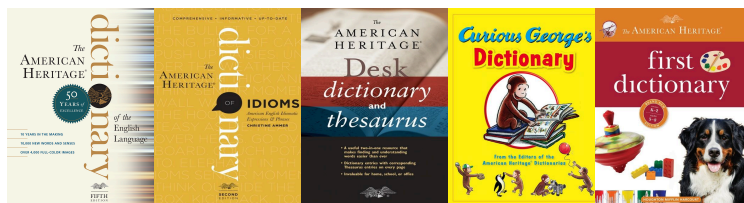
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