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n.

Something that provides a benefit or an advantage: *A brisk breeze is a boon to sailors.*

[Middle English *bone*, from Old Norse *bōn*, prayer; see **bhā**-² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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boon²  (b n)

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adj.

1. Convivial; jolly: *a boon companion to all.*

2. *Archaic* Favorable.

[Middle English *bon*, good, from Old French, from Latin *bonus*; see **deu**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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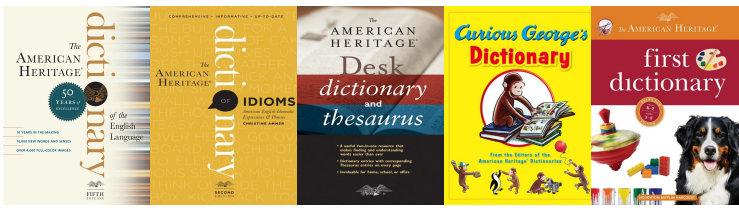
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