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n.

1. A growth of hair on the chin, cheeks, and throat of a person, especially a man.
2. A tuft or growth of hairs, bristles, or other hairlike threads on a plant or animal.
3. One who serves to divert suspicion or attention from another, especially a person of the opposite sex who accompanies a gay man or lesbian to give the impression of heterosexuality.
4. *Printing* The raised slope on a piece of type between the shoulder or counter and the face. Also called *neck*.

tr.v. **beard·ed**, **beard·ing**, **beards**

1. To furnish with a beard.
2. To confront boldly.

[Middle English *berd*, from Old English *beard*; see **bhardh-ā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

beard *less* *adj.*



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beard

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bottom: on a male turkey's breast

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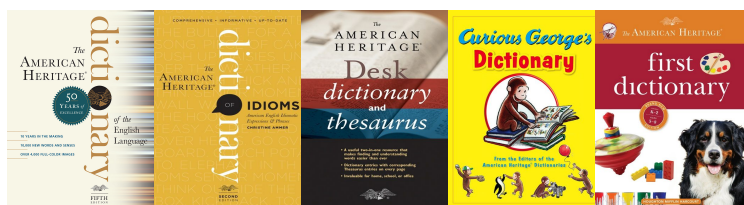
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