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n.

One whose business is to cut hair, usually of men and boys, and shave or trim beards.

tr.v. **bar·bered**, **bar·ber·ing**, **bar·bers**

1. To cut (the hair of someone).
2. To shave or trim (the beard of someone).

[Middle English, from Old French *barbour*, from Medieval Latin *barbātōr*, from Latin *barba*, beard; see **bhardh-ā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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Bar·ber  (bär bär), **Samuel** 1910-1981.

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American composer whose works include *Adagio for Strings* (1936) and the opera *Vanessa* (1958), for which he won a Pulitzer Prize.

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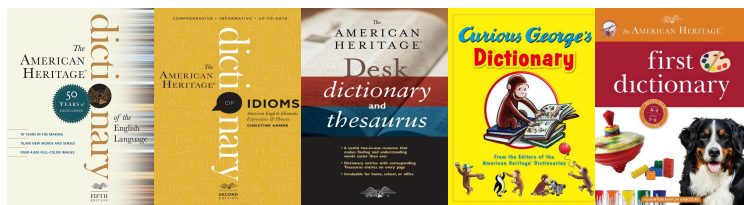
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