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v. **a·but·ted**, **a·but·ting**, **a·buts**

v.*intr.*

To touch or end at one end or side; lie adjacent.

v.*tr.*

1. To border upon or end at; be next to.

2. To support as an abutment.

[Middle English *abuten*, from Old French *abouter*, to border on (*a-*, to from Latin *ad-*; see [AD-](#) + *bouter*, to strike; see [bhau-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) and from Old French *abuter*, to end at (from *but*, end; see [BUTT](#)⁴).]

a·but *ter n.*

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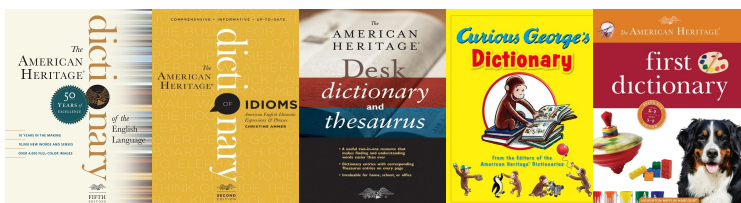
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