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n.

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[Modern Greek *pita*, pie, cake, bread, from Medieval Greek, perhaps of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *bizzo*, *pizzo*, bite, morsel; see **bheid-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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n.

1. Any of several agaves that yield strong leaf fibers. Also called *istle*.
2. The fiber of any of these plants, used in making cordage and paper.

[Spanish, perhaps of Taíno origin; perhaps akin to Taíno *pitahaya*, *pitahaya*.]

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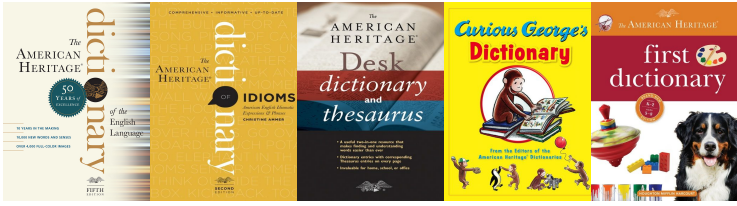
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