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v. **con·fid·ed**, **con·fid·ing**, **con·fides**

v.tr.

1. To tell (something) in confidence: *confided a secret to his friend.*

2. To give as a responsibility or put into another's care: *confided the task of drafting the report to her assistant.*

v.intr.

To disclose private matters in confidence: *He knew he could confide in his parents.*

[Middle English, to rely on, from Old French *confider*, from Latin *cōnfīdere* : *com-*, intensive pref.; see [COM-](#) + *fīdere*, to trust; see [bheidh-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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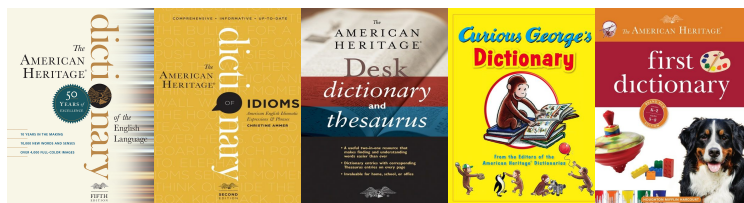
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