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fed·er·ate  (fěd ə-rāt')

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v. fed·er·at·ed, fed·er·at·ing, fed·er·ates

v.tr.

To cause to join into a league, federal union, or similar association.

v.intr.

To become united into a federal union.

adj. (fěd ə-rīt, fěd rīt)

United in a federation.

[Latin *foederāre*, *foederāt-*, to ratify an agreement, from *foedus*, *foeder-*, league, treaty; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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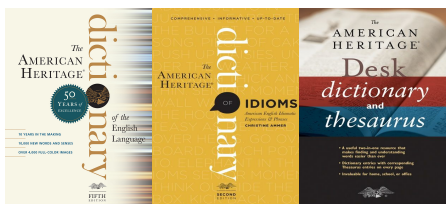
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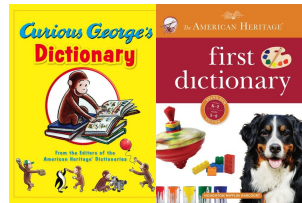
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