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n.

A long narrow pillow or cushion.

tr.v. **bol·stered**, **bol·ster·ing**, **bol·sters**

1. To support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion.
2. To buoy up or hearten: *Visitors bolstered the patient's morale.*

[Middle English, from Old English; see **bhelgh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

bol ster·er *n.*

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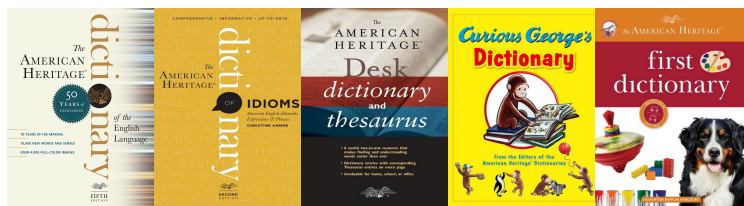
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