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- n.*
1. A self-governing incorporated town in some US states, such as New Jersey.
 2. One of the five administrative units of New York City.
 3. A civil division of the state of Alaska that is the equivalent of a county in most other US states.
 4. *Chiefly British*
 - a. A town having a municipal corporation and certain rights, such as self-government.
 - b. A town that sends a representative to Parliament.
 5. A medieval group of fortified houses that formed a town having special privileges and rights.

[Middle English *burgh*, city, from Old English *burg*, fortified town; see **bhergh**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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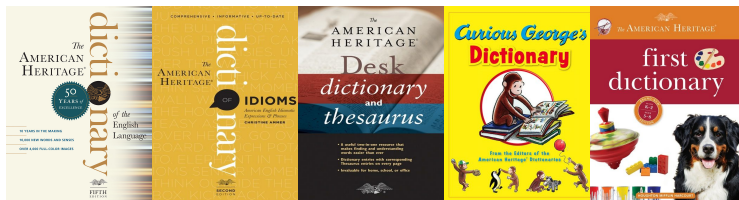
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