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adv. & adj. Abbr. ff

In a very loud manner. Used chiefly as a direction.

n. pl. for-tis-si-mos

A note, chord, or passage played fortissimo.

[Italian, superlative of *forte*, strong; see [FORTE](#)².]

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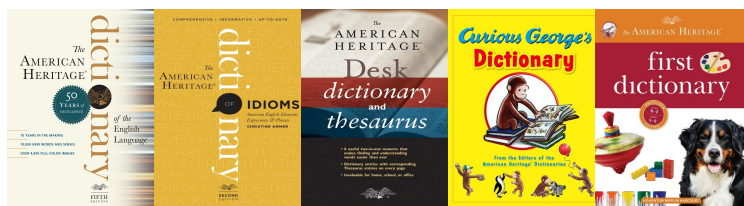
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