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n.
A fortified place, especially a large, permanent military stronghold that often includes a town.

[Middle English *forteress*, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *fortalitia*, from Latin *fortis*, strong; see **bhergh**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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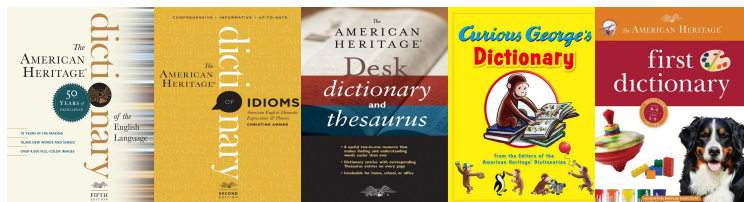
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