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1.

a. A loop in a rope.

b. The middle or slack part of an extended rope.

2.

a. A bend or curve, especially in a shoreline.

b. A wide bay formed by such a bend or curve.

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

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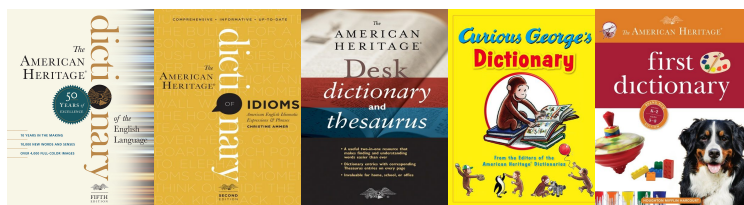
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