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v.tr.

1. To transgress or exceed the limits of; violate: *infringe a contract; infringe a patent.*

2. *Obsolete* To defeat; invalidate.

v.intr.

To encroach on someone or something; engage in trespassing: *an increased workload that infringed on his personal life.*

[Latin *īnfringere*, to destroy : *in-*, intensive pref.; see [in-](#)² + *frangere*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in·fring er *n.*

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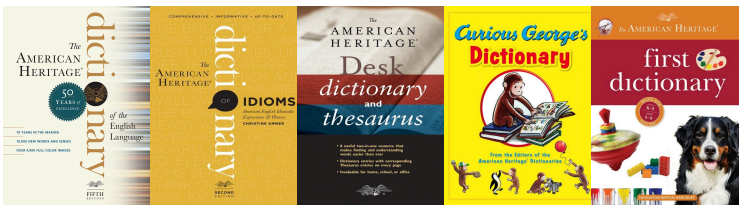
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