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tr.v. **de·frayed**, **de·fray·ing**, **de·frays**

To undertake the payment of (costs or expenses); pay.

[French *défrayer*, from Old French *desfrayer* : *des-*, *de-* + **frai*, expense (from Latin *frāctum*, from neuter past participle of *frangere*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

de·fray a·ble *adj.*

de·fray al *n.*

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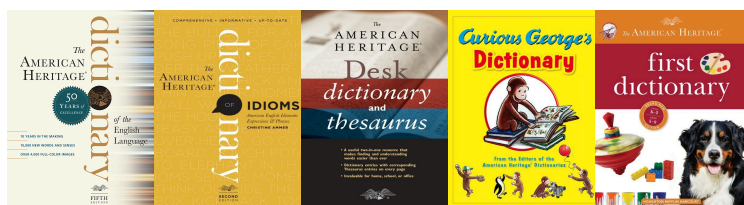
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