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brew  (br)

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v. brewed, brew·ing, brews

v.tr.

1. To make (ale or beer) from malt and hops by infusion, boiling, and fermentation.
2. To make (a beverage) by boiling, steeping, or mixing various ingredients: *brew tea*.
3. To concoct; devise: *brew a plot to overthrow the government*.

v.intr.

1. To make ale or beer as an occupation.
2. To be made by boiling or steeping: *As the coffee brewed, I paced in the kitchen*.
3. To be imminent; impend: "*storms brewing on every frontier*" ([John Dos Passos](#)).

n.

1.
 - a. A beverage made by brewing.
 - b. A serving of such a beverage.
2. Something produced as if by brewing; a mix: *Their politics were a strange brew of idealism and self-interest*.

[Middle English *brewen*, from Old English *brēowan*; see **bhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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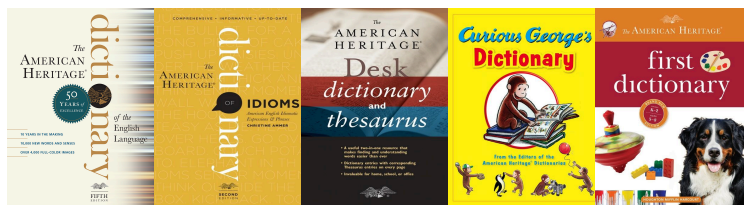
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