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v. **broiled, broil-ing, broils**

v.tr.

1. To cook by direct radiant heat, as over a grill or under an electric element.

2. To expose to great heat.

v.intr.

To be exposed to great heat.

n.

1. The act of broiling or the condition of being broiled.

2. Food, especially meat, that is broiled.

[Middle English *broilen*, from Old French *brusler, bruler*, perhaps from *usler*, to burn (with *br-* from *bruir*, to burn), from Latin *ustulāre*, to scorch, from *ustus*, past participle of *ūrere*, to burn.]

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broil ² 🔊 (broil) *Archaic*

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n.

A rowdy argument.

intr.v. **broiled, broil-ing, broils**

To engage in a rowdy argument.

[From obsolete *broil*, to brawl, from Middle English *broilen*, from Anglo-Norman *broiller*, to mix up, confuse, from Old French *brouiller*, from *breu*, broth, brew, from Vulgar Latin **brodum*, of Germanic origin; see **bhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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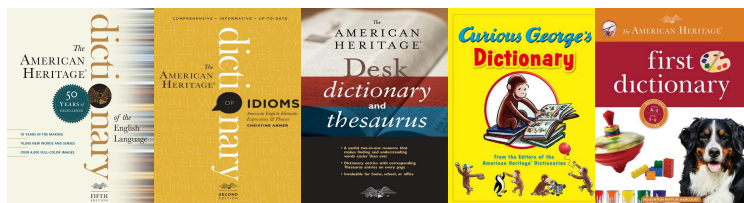
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