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breeze¹  (brēz)

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n.

1. A light current of air; a gentle wind.
 2. Any of five winds with speeds of from 4 to 27 knots (5 to 31 miles per hour; 7 to 50 kilometers per hour), according to the Beaufort scale.
 3. *Informal* Something, such as a task, that is easy to do.
- intr.v.* **breezed**, **breez·ing**, **breez·es**
1. To move quickly, smoothly, or easily: *breezing along on the freeway.*
 2. To progress swiftly or easily: *We breezed through the test.*

[Perhaps from Old Spanish *briza*, northeast wind.]

Synonyms: breeze¹, cakewalk, cinch, pushover, snap

These nouns denote something easily accomplished: *The exam was a breeze. This election promises to be a cakewalk. Chopping onions is a cinch with a food processor. The playoffs turned out to be a pushover. The new computer program was a snap to learn.*

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breeze²  (brēz)

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n.

The refuse left when coke or charcoal is made.

[Probably from French *braise*, hot coals, from Old French *brese*, of Germanic origin; see **bhreū-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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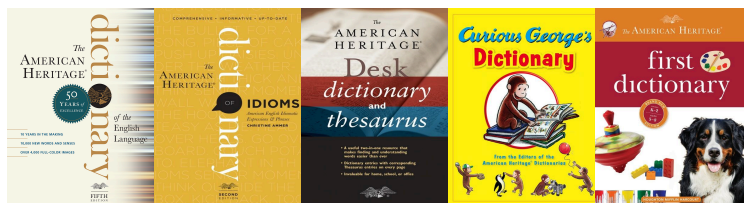
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