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tr.v. **re·venged**, **re·veng·ing**, **re·veng·es**

1. To inflict punishment in return for (injury or insult).

2. *Archaic* To seek or take vengeance for (oneself or another person); avenge.

n.

1. The act of taking vengeance for injuries or wrongs; retaliation: *took revenge on her tormentors.*

2. A desire for revenge; spite or vindictiveness: *He did it out of revenge.*

3.

a. An opportunity to retaliate, as by a return sports match after a defeat: *After the loss, he demanded that he be given his revenge.*

b. Something done in retaliation, especially a defeat of a rival who has been victorious.

[Middle English *revengen*, from Old French *revengier* : *re-*, *re-* + *vengier*, to take revenge (from Latin *vindicāre*, to avenge, from *vindex*, *vindic-*, avenger; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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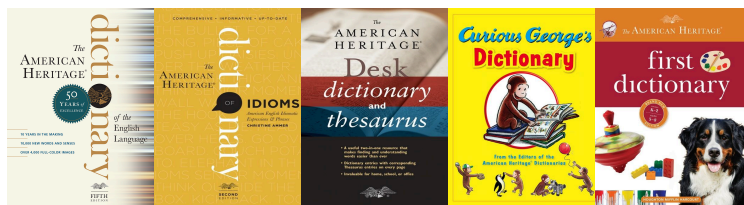
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