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be·to·ken  (bĭ-tō kən)

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To be or give a sign of: "His accent seemed to betoken an aristocratic origin" ([David I. Kertzer](#)). See Synonyms at [indicate](#).

[Middle English *bitoknen* : *bi-*, *be-* + *toknen*, to signify (from Old English *tācnian*; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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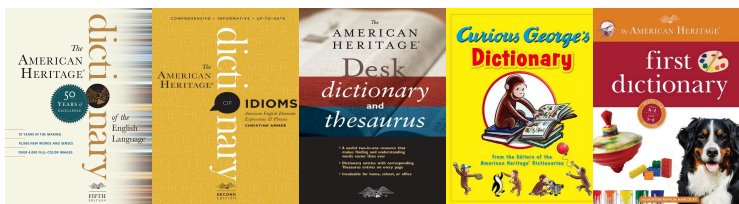
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