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n.

1.

a. A human finger or toe.

b. A corresponding part in other vertebrates.

2. A unit of length derived from the breadth of a finger and equal to about 34 of an inch (2.0 centimeters).

3.

a. One of the ten Arabic number symbols, 0 through 9.

b. Such a symbol used in a system of numeration.

4. digits *Slang* A telephone number: *She gave me her digits, and I put them in my phone.*

[Middle English, from Latin *digitus*, finger, toe; see **deik-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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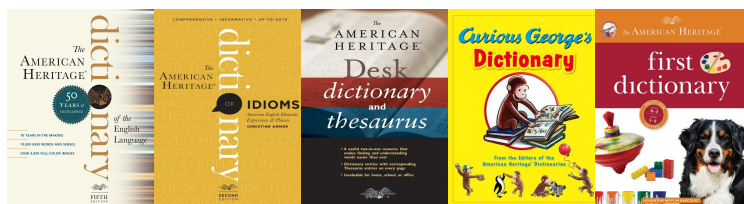
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