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n.

A 15-year cycle used as a chronological unit in ancient Rome and incorporated in some medieval systems.

[Middle English *indiccioun*, from Late Latin *indictiō*, *indictiōn*-, proclamation, period of 15 years, from Latin *indictus*, past participle of *indīcere*, to proclaim : *in*-, intensive pref.; see [IN](#)-² + *dīcere*, to say; see **deik**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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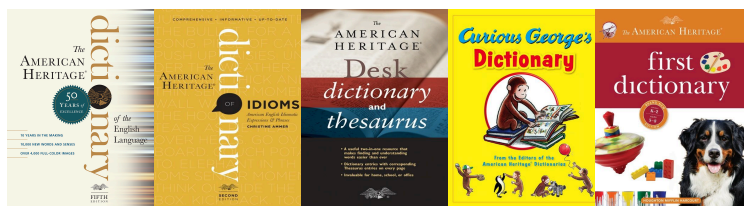
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