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adj.

Accursed.

tr.v. **mal·e·dict·ed**, **mal·e·dict·ing**, **mal·e·dicts**

To pronounce a curse against.

[Middle English *maladicte*, from Latin *maledictus*, past participle of *maledĭcere*, to curse : *male*, ill; see **mel-**³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dĭcere*, to speak; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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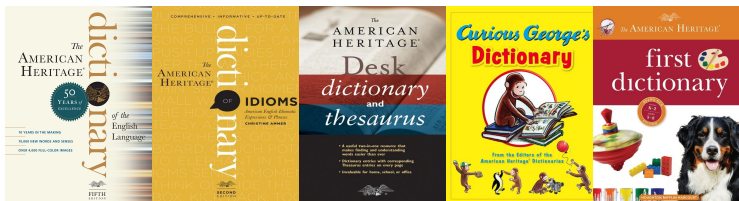
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