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mal-i-son  (măl ĭ-sən, -zən)

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n.
A curse.

[Middle English *malisoun*, from Old French *maleïçon*, from Latin *maledictiō*, *maledictiōn*-, from *maledictus*, past participle of *maledicere*, to speak ill, curse; see [MALEDICT](#).]

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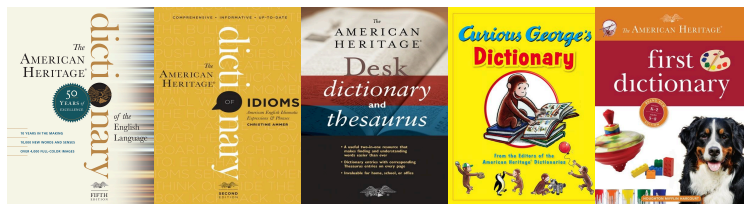
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