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n.

1. An act of bidding farewell; a leave-taking.
2. A speech or statement made as a farewell.
3. A word or phrase of farewell used to end a letter or message.

[From Latin *valedictus*, past participle of *valedĭcere*, to say farewell : *valĕ*, farewell; see [VALE](#)² + *dĭcere*, to say; see [deik-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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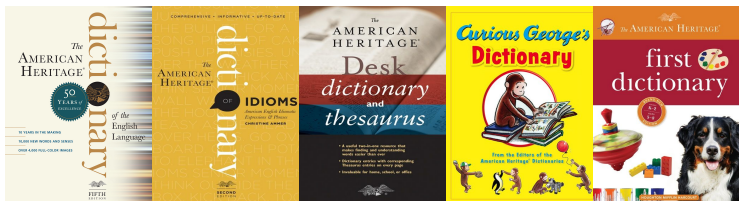
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