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voir dire  (vwär dîr)

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n.

The formal examination of a prospective juror under oath to determine suitability for jury service or of a prospective witness under oath to determine competence to give testimony.

tr.v. **voir dired**, **voir dir·ing**, **voir dired**

To conduct a voir dire of: *voir dired the witness.*

[Anglo-Norman, to speak the truth : Latin *vērus*, true; see **wēr-a-o-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *dīcere*, to say; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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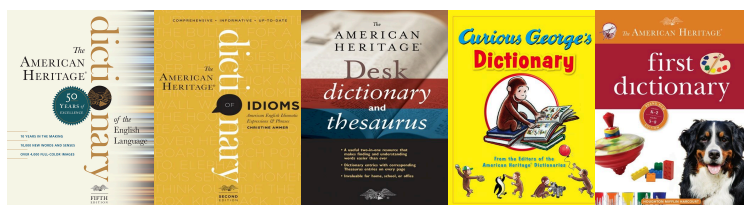
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