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1. To inflict a punishment or penalty in return for; revenge: *avenge a murder.*
2. To take vengeance on behalf of: *avenged their wronged parents.*

[Middle English *avengen*, from Old French *avengier* : *a-*, to (from Latin *ad-*; see [AD-](#)) + *vengier*, to vindicate (from Latin *vindicāre*, to claim; see [VINDICATE](#)).]

a·veng *er n.*

a·veng *ing·ly adv.*

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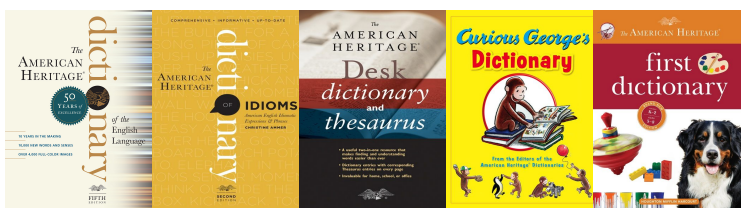
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