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n.

1. The cardinal number that is equal to the sum of 12 + 1.
2. The 13th in a set or sequence.
3. Something having 13 parts, units, or members.

[Middle English *thyrtene*, alteration of *thrittene*, from Old English *thrēotīne*; see **trei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

thir·teen *adj. & pron.*

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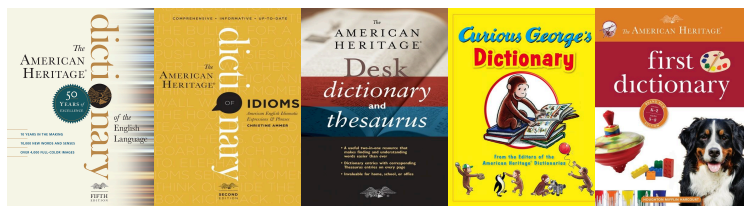
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