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n.

A coin of the United States or Canada worth ten cents.

Idioms:

a dime a dozen

Overly abundant; commonplace.

on a dime

At a precise point; within a narrowly defined area: *a sports car that stops on a dime.*

[Middle English, tenth part, from Old French *disme*, from Latin *decima* (*pars*), tenth (part), from *decem*, ten; see **dek** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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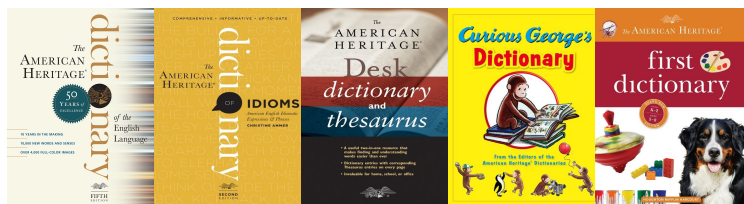
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