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n.

1. *pl. dozen* *Abbr. doz. or dz.* A set of 12.

2. **dozens** An indefinite, large number: *dozens of errands to run.*

adj.

Twelve.

[Middle English *dozeine*, from Old French *dozaine*, from *doze*, twelve, ultimately from Latin *duodecim* : *duo*, two; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *decem*, ten; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

doz enth (-ənth) *adj.*

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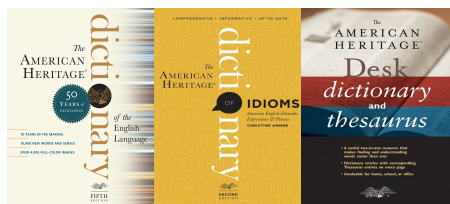
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