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1. A unit of currency that is equal to $\frac{1}{100}$ of the primary unit of currency in many countries where French is spoken as an official language, including Algeria, Morocco, and Switzerland.
2. A former unit of currency that was equal to $\frac{1}{100}$ of the franc in France and Belgium.

[French, from Old French *centisme*, from Latin *centēsimus*, hundredth, from *centum*, hundred; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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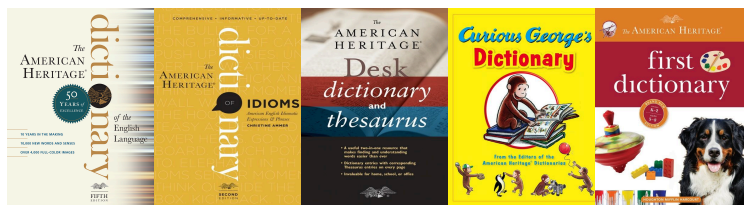
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