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adj.

1. Able to use both hands with equal facility.
2. Unusually skillful; adroit.
3. Deceptive or hypocritical.

[Alteration of archaic *ambidexter*, from Middle English, double dealer, from Medieval Latin : Latin *ambi-*, on both sides; see [AMBI-](#) + Latin *dexter*, right-handed; see **deks-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

am'bi-dex trous·ly *adv.*

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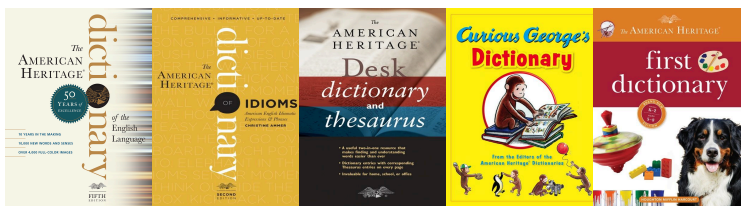
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