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v.

Past tense and past participle of [lend](#).

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Lent  (lənt)

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n.

A 40-day period of fasting and penitence observed by many Christians in preparation for Easter. In Western churches, Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until Easter, usually excepting Sundays.

[Middle English *lenten*, *lente*, spring, Lent, from Old English *lencten*; see *del*-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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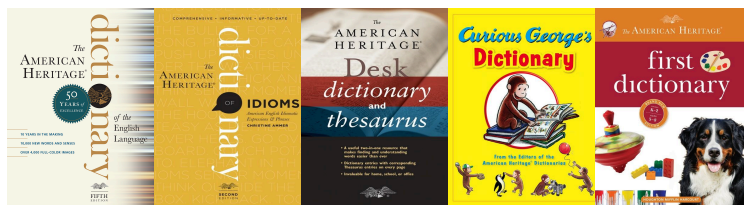
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