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2. One having a specified quality: *underling*.
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[Middle English, from Old English.]

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n. pl. **ling** or **lings**

Any of various marine food fishes closely related to and resembling the cod, especially *Molva molva* of northern Atlantic waters, having a long body and a barbel on the chin.

[Middle English, possibly of Low German origin; see **del**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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In a specified direction, manner, or condition: *darkling*.

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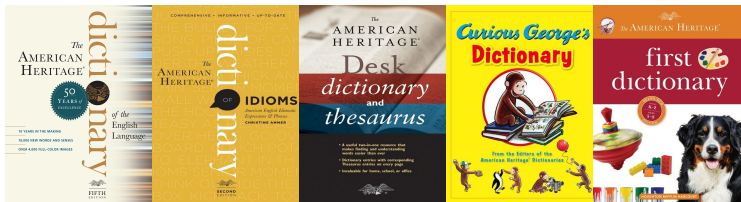
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