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n.

1. A territory over which rule or control is exercised.
2. A sphere of activity, influence, or knowledge: *the domain of history*. See Synonyms at [field](#).
3. *Mathematics*
 - a. The set of all possible values of an independent variable of a function.
 - b. An open connected set that contains at least one point.
4. *Computers* A group of networked computers that share a common communications address.
5. *Physics* Any of numerous contiguous regions in a ferromagnetic material in which the direction of spontaneous magnetization is uniform and different from that in neighboring regions.
6. *Biology* Any of three primary divisions of organisms, consisting of the eukaryotes, bacteria, and archaea, that rank above a kingdom in taxonomic systems based on similarities of DNA sequences.
7. *Law* The land of one with paramount title and absolute ownership.

[French *domaine*, blend of Old French *demaine* (from Late Latin *dominicum*) and Latin *dominium*, property, both from *dominus*, lord; see **dem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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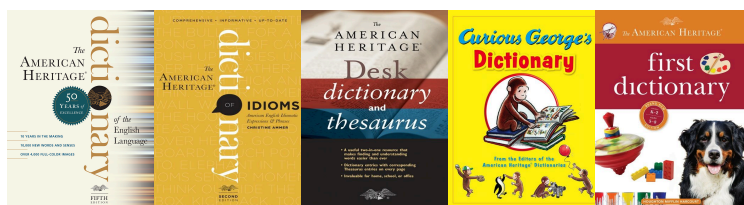
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