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adj.

Not willing to change one's opinion, purpose, or principles; unyielding.

n.

1. A stone once believed to be impenetrable in its hardness.
2. An extremely hard substance.

[From Middle English, a hard precious stone, from Old French *adamaunt*, from Latin *adamās*, *adamant-*, from Greek, unconquerable, hard steel, diamond; see **demə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ad a·mance, **ad a·man·cy** *n.*

ad a·mant·ly *adv.*

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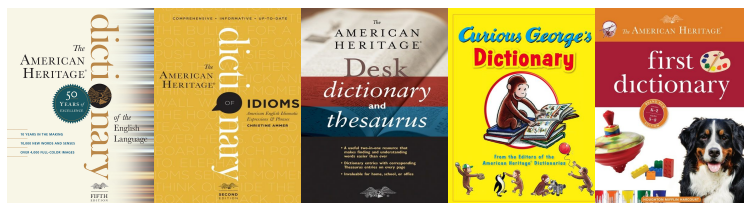
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