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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or for the teeth: *dental caps*.
2. Of, relating to, or intended for dentistry: *dental work; dental bills*.
3. *Linguistics* Articulated with the tip of the tongue near or against the upper front teeth: *the English dental consonants t and d*.

n.

Linguistics

A dental consonant.

[New Latin *dentālis*, from Latin *dēns*, *dent-*, tooth; see **dent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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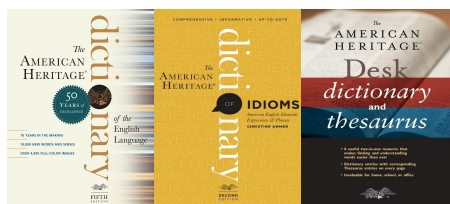
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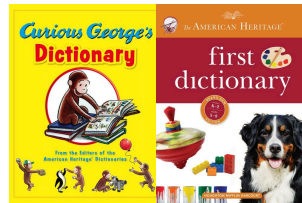
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