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tree  (trē)

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n.

1.

a. A perennial woody plant having a main trunk and usually a distinct crown.

b. An herbaceous plant or shrub resembling a tree in form or size.

2.

a. Something that resembles a tree in form, especially a diagram or arrangement that has branches showing relationships of hierarchy or lineage.

b. *Computers* A structure for organizing or classifying data in which every item can be traced to a single origin through a unique path.

3.

a. A wooden beam, post, stake, or bar used as part of a framework or structure.

b. A saddle tree.

4. *Archaic*

a. A gallows.

b. The cross on which Jesus was crucified.

tr.v. treed, tree-ing, trees

1. To force up a tree: *Dogs treed the raccoon.*

2. *Informal* To force into a difficult position; corner: *the reporters finally treed the mayor.*

3. To supply or cover with trees: *a hillside that is treed with oaks.*

Idiom:

up a tree *Informal*

In a situation of great difficulty or perplexity; helpless.

[Middle English, from Old English *trēow*; see **deru-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

tree **less** *adj.*

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Tree  (trē), Sir **Herbert Beerbohm** 1853-1917.

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British actor and producer who founded the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (1904).

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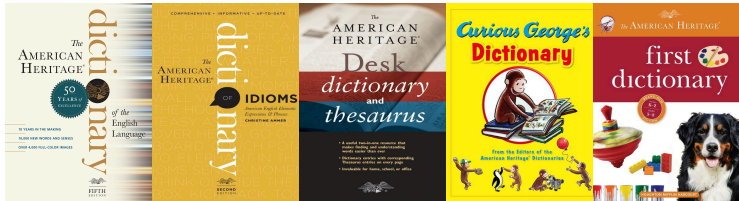
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