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adj.
Smart and trim, as in appearance; neat: *a trig beard*.
tr.v. trigged, trig·ging, trigs
To make trim or neat, especially in dress: "*Loudon even trigged himself up in camel-colored topcoat and snap-brim hat*" ([Ivan Doig](#)).

[Middle English, true, from Old Norse *tryggr*, loyal, true; see **deru-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

trig *ly* *adv.*
trig *ness* *n.*

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trig²  (trĭg)

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tr.v. trigged, trig·ging, trigs
To stop (a wheel) from rolling, as with a wedge.

[Perhaps of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse *tryggr*, firm; see [TRIG](#)¹.]

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trig³  (trĭg) *Informal*

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n.
Trigonometry.

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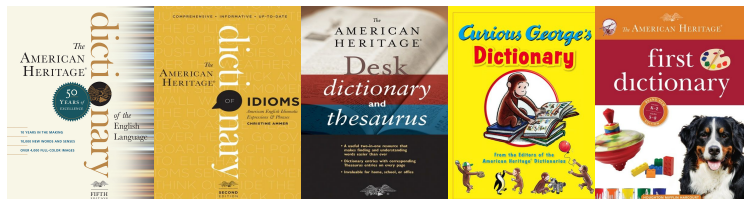
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