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1.

a. A long, narrow, generally shallow receptacle for holding water or feed for animals.

b. Any of various similar containers for domestic or industrial use, such as kneading or washing.

2. A gutter under the edge of a roof for carrying off rainwater.

3. A long, narrow depression, as between waves or ridges.

4. A low point in a business cycle or on a statistical graph.

5. Meteorology An elongated region of relatively low atmospheric pressure, often associated with a front.

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

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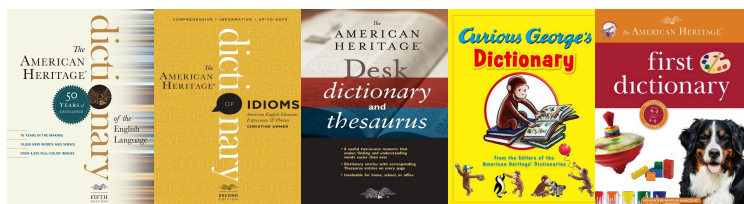
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