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adj. also **dy·nam·i·cal** (-ĭ-kəl)

1.
 - a. Of or relating to energy or to objects in motion.
 - b. Of or relating to the study of dynamics.
2. Characterized by continuous change, activity, or progress: *a dynamic housing market.*
3. Characterized by much activity and vigor, especially in bringing about change; energetic and forceful. See [Synonyms at active](#).
4. Of or relating to variation of intensity, as in musical sound.

- n.*
1. An interactive system or process, especially one involving competing or conflicting forces: "*The traditional nineteenth-century dynamic between the sexes had begun to erode*" (Jean Zimmerman).
 2. A force, especially political, social, or psychological: *the main dynamic behind the revolution.*

[French *dynamique*, from Greek *dunamikos*, powerful, from *dunamis*, power, from *dunasthai*, to be able; see [deu-² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

dy·nam i·cal·ly *adv.*

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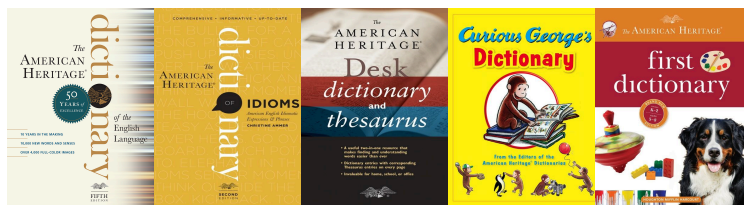
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