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adj.

1.

a. Capable of withstanding wear and tear or decay: *a durable fabric*.

b. Made to withstand repeated use over a relatively long period, usually several years or more: *durable goods such as washing machines and dryers*.

2. Able to perform or compete over a long period, as by avoiding or overcoming injuries: *a durable fullback*.

3. Lasting; stable: *a durable friendship*.

n.

A good or product made to withstand repeated use over a relatively long period, usually several years or more: *tracked the orders for automobiles and other durables*.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *dūrābilis*, from *dūrāre*, to last; see **deu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

du'ra·bil i·ty, du ra·ble·ness *n.*

du ra·bly *adv.*

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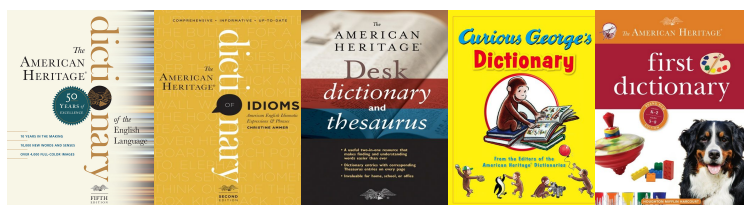
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