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**duct**  (dŭkt)

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*n.*

1. An often enclosed passage or channel for conveying a substance, especially a liquid or gas.
2. *Anatomy* A tubular bodily canal or passage, especially one for carrying a glandular secretion: *a tear duct*.
3. A tube or pipe for enclosing electrical cables or wires.

*tr.v.* **duct**·**ed**, **duct**·**ing**, **ducts**

1. To channel through a duct: *duct the moist air away*.
2. To supply with ducts.

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[Latin *ductus*, act of leading, from past participle of *dŭcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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**duct** **al** *adj.*

**duct** **less** *adj.*

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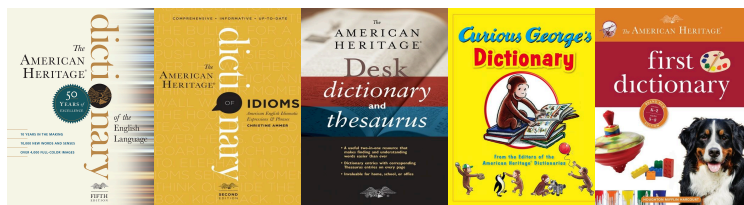
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