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in·tro·duce  (in'trə-d s , -dy s)

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tr.v. **in·tro·duced**, **in·tro·duc·ing**, **in·tro·duc·es**

1.
 - a. To present (someone) by name to another in order to establish an acquaintance.
 - b. To present (a performer, for example) to the public for the first time.
 - c. To make preliminary remarks about; preface: *introduced the slide show with a brief talk.*
2. To put forward (a plan, for example) for consideration; propose.
3. To provide (someone) with a beginning knowledge or first experience of something: *introduced me to weightlifting.*
4.
 - a. To bring in and establish in a new place or environment: *exotic plants that were introduced into gardening; a disease that was introduced into the Americas.*
 - b. To bring into currency, use, or practice; originate: *introduced the new product in several test markets; introduced the tango into their circle of friends.*
5. To put inside or into; insert or inject: *introduced a catheter into an artery; introduced realism to crime fiction.*

[Middle English *introducen*, to bring into, from Latin *intrōdūcere* : *intrō-*, within; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in'tro·duc *er n.*

in'tro·duc *i·ble adj.*

Synonyms: introduce, insert, interject, interpolate, interpose

These verbs mean to put or set a person or thing into, between, or among others: *introduce suspense into a novel; insert a letter into an envelope; interject a comment into a conversation; interpolated a transitional passage into the text; interposed himself between the scrapping boys.* See Also Synonyms at **broach**¹.

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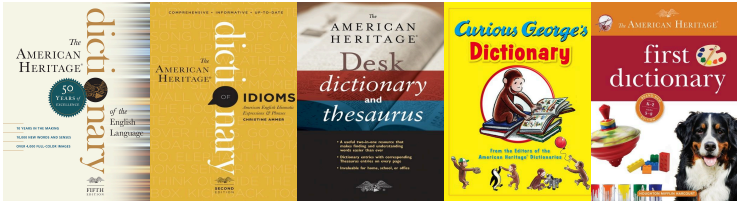
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