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man·u·fac·ture  (măn'yə-făk chər)

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v. man·u·fac·tured, man·u·fac·tur·ing, man·u·fac·tures

v.tr.

1.

a. To make or process (a raw material) into a finished product, especially by means of a large-scale industrial operation.

b. To make or process (a product), especially with the use of industrial machines.

2. To create, produce, or turn out in a mechanical manner: *"His books seem to have been manufactured rather than composed"* (Dwight Macdonald).

3. To concoct or invent; fabricate: *manufacture an excuse.*

v.intr.

To make or process goods, especially in large quantities and by means of industrial machines.

n.

1.

a. The act, craft, or process of manufacturing products, especially on a large scale.

b. An industry in which mechanical power and machinery are employed.

2. A product that is manufactured.

3. The making or producing of something.

[From French, manufacture, from Old French, from Medieval Latin **manūfactūra* : Latin *manū*, ablative of *manus*, hand; see **man-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *factūra*, working of a metal, from *factus*, past participle of *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

man'u·fac tur·a·ble *adj.*

man'u·fac tur·al *adj.*

man'u·fac tur·ing *n.*

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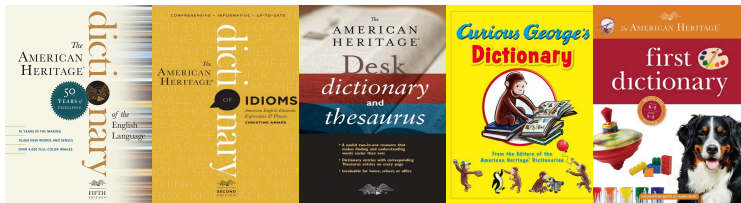
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