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n.

1. One of the flat polished surfaces cut on a gemstone or occurring naturally on a crystal.
2. *Anatomy* A small, smooth, flat surface, as on a bone or tooth.
3. *Biology* One of the lenslike visual units of a compound eye, as of an insect.
4. One of numerous aspects, as of a subject.

[French *facette*, from Old French, diminutive of *face*, face; see [FACE](#).]

fac **et·ed**, **fac** **et·ted** *adj.*

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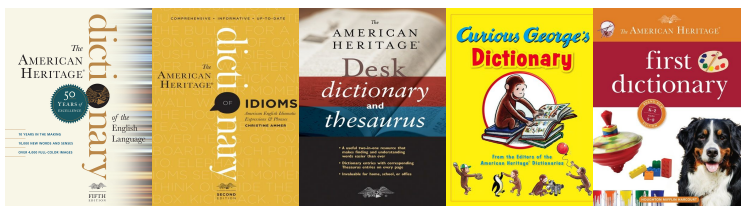
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