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[Sanskrit *saṁdhiḥ*, union, sandhi : *sa-*, together; see *sem-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dadhāti*, *dhī-*, he places; see *dhē-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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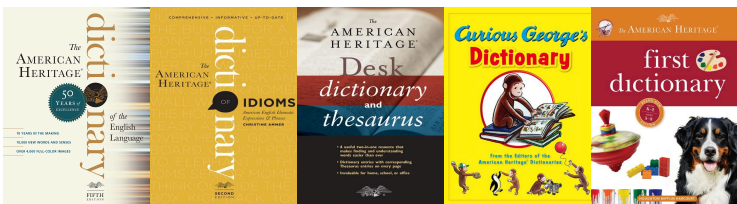
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