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fe·lic·i·ty  (fĭ-lĭs ĭ-tē)

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n. pl. **fe·lic·i·ties**

1.
 - a. Great happiness; bliss.
 - b. An instance of great happiness.
2. A cause or source of happiness.
3.
 - a. An appropriate and pleasing manner or style: *felicity of expression*.
 - b. An instance of appropriate and pleasing manner or style.
4. *Archaic* Good fortune.

[Middle English *felicite*, from Old French *felicite*, from Latin *fēlicitās*, from *fēlīx*, *fēlīc*-, fortunate; see **dhē(i)-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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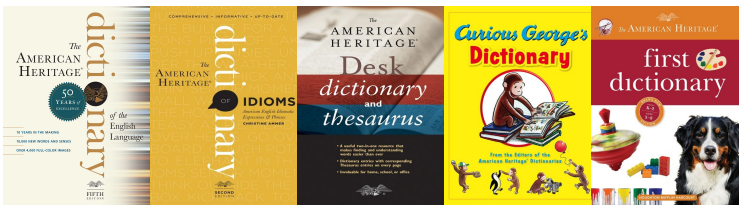
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