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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or appropriate for a feast or festival.
2. Merry; joyous: *a festive party.*

[Latin *fēstīvus*, from *fēstus*; see **dhēs-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

fes tive·ly *adv.*

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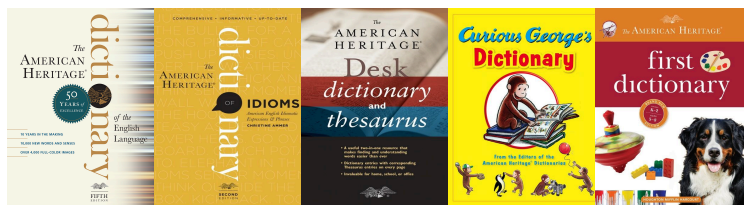
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