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af·fix  (ə-ˈfiks)

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tr.v. **af·fixed**, **af·fix·ing**, **af·fix·es**

1. To secure to something; attach: *affix a label to a package.*
2. To impute; attribute: *affix blame to him.*
3. To place at the end; append: *affix a postscript to a letter.*
4. *Linguistics* To add as an affix.

n. (ăf ˈiks')

1. Something that is attached, joined, or added; an appendage or addition.
2. *Linguistics* A word element, such as a prefix or suffix, that can only occur attached to a base, stem, or root.

[Medieval Latin *affixāre*, frequentative of Latin *affigere*, *affix-* : *ad-*, *ad-* + *figere*, to fasten; see **dhīg^w**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

af·fix **a·ble** *adj.*

af fix'al *adj.*

af fix'al·ly *adv.*

af·fix er *n.*

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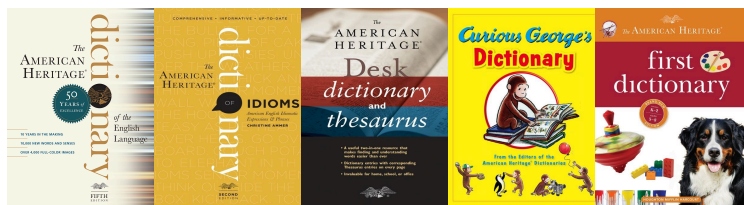
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