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adj. **drea·ri·er**, **drea·ri·est**

1. Dismal; bleak.
2. Boring; dull: *dreary tasks*.

[Middle English *dreri*, bloody, frightened, sad, from Old English *drēorig*, bloody, sad, from *drēor*, gore; see **dhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

drea ri·ly *adv.*

drea ri·ness *n.*

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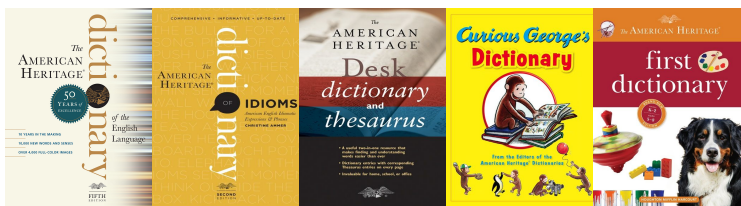
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