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v. **drowsed, drows·ing, drows·es**

v.intr.

To be half-asleep: *drowsed in the warm sun.*

v.tr.

1. To make drowsy: "*drowsed with the fume of poppies*" (*John Keats*).

2. To pass (time) by drowsing.

n.

The condition of being sleepy.

[Perhaps ultimately from Old English *drūsan*, to sink, be sluggish; see **dhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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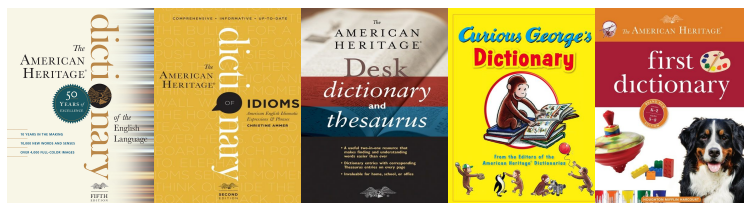
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