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door  (dôr)

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n.

1.

a. A movable structure used to close off an entrance, typically consisting of a panel that swings on hinges or that slides or rotates.

b. A similar part on a piece of furniture or a vehicle.

2. A doorway.

3. The room or building to which a door belongs: *They live three doors down the hall.*

4. A means of approach or access: *looking for the door to success.*

tr.v. **doored, door-ing, doors**

1. *Slang* To strike (a passing bicyclist, for example) by suddenly opening a vehicular door.

2. To serve as a doorman or doorwoman of (a nightclub, for example).

Idioms:

at (someone's) door

As a charge holding someone responsible: *You shouldn't lay the blame for the fiasco at her door.*

close/shut the door on

To refuse to allow for the possibility of: *The secretary of state closed the door on future negotiations.*

leave the door open

To allow for the possibility of: *Let's leave the door open for future stylistic changes.*

show (someone) the door *Informal*

1. To eject (someone) from the premises.

2. To terminate the employment of; fire.

[Middle English *dor*, from Old English *duru*, *door*; see **dhwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

door *less* **adj.**



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door

A. rails

B. stiles

C. muntins

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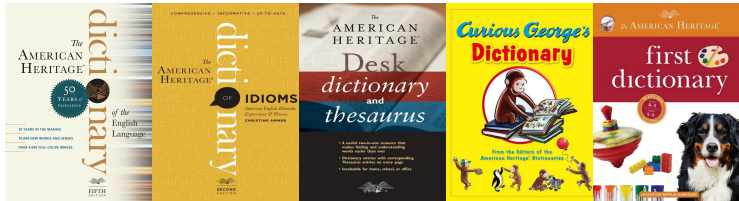
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