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adj.

1.

a. Located away from one's native country: *on business in a foreign city.*

b. Of, characteristic of, or from a place or country other than the one being considered: *a foreign custom.*

c. Conducted or involved with other nations or governments; not domestic: *foreign trade.*

2. Situated in an abnormal or improper place in the body and typically introduced from outside: *a foreign object in the eye.*

3. Not natural; alien: *Jealousy is foreign to her nature.*

4. Not germane; irrelevant.

5. Subject to the jurisdiction of another political unit.

[Middle English *forein*, from Old French *forain*, from Late Latin *forānus*, on the outside, from Latin *forās*, outside; see **dhwer-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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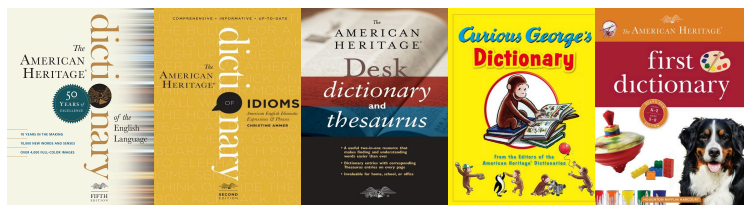
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