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fore·close  (fôr-klōz)

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v. **fore·closed**, **fore·clos·ing**, **fore·clos·es**

v.tr.

1.

a. To enforce (a lien, deed of trust, or mortgage) in whatever manner is provided for by law.

b. To bring a suit to prevent a mortgagor from redeeming (a property) by paying any outstanding debt.

2. To exclude or rule out; bar.

3. To settle or resolve beforehand.

v.intr.

To enforce a lien, deed of trust, or mortgage as permitted by law: *The bank foreclosed on the property.*

[Middle English *forclosen*, to exclude from an inheritance, from Old French *forclos*, shut out, past participle of *forclore*, to exclude : *fors-*, outside (from Latin *forīs*; see **dhwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *clore*, to close (from Latin *claudere*).]

fore·clos a·ble *adj.*

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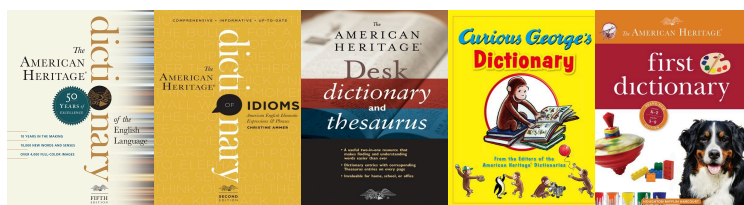
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