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tr.v. **en·dowed**, **en·dow·ing**, **en·dows**

1. To provide with property, income, or a source of income.
2.
 - a. To equip or supply with a talent or quality: *Nature endowed you with a beautiful singing voice.*
 - b. To imagine as having a usually favorable trait or quality: *endowed the family pet with human intelligence.*
3. *Obsolete* To provide with a dower.

[Middle English *endowen*, from Anglo-Norman *endouer* : Old French *en-*, intensive pref.; see [EN-¹](#) + Old French *douer*, to provide with a dowry (from Latin *dōtāre*, from *dōs*, *dōt-*, dowry; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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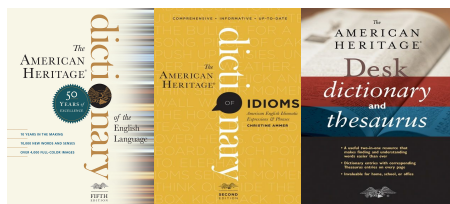
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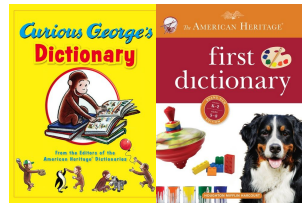
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