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n.

1. The cardinal number equal to the sum of 11 + 1.
2. The twelfth in a set or sequence.
3. **Twelve Bible**
 - a. The twelve original disciples of Jesus.
 - b. The books of the Minor Prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures.

[Middle English, from Old English *twelf*; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

twelve *adj. & pron.*

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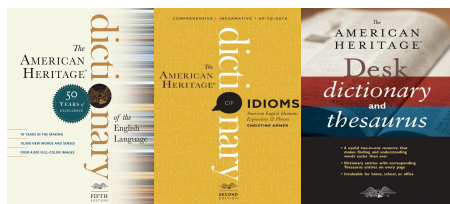
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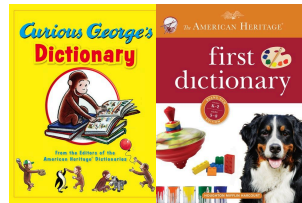
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