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n.

1. The cardinal number equal to 2×10 .

2. **twenties**

a. A decade or the numbers from 20 to 29: *The children are now in their twenties. The temperature dipped into the twenties.*

b. often **Twenties** The decade from 20 to 29 in a century.

3. A twenty-dollar bill.

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

twen ty *adj. & pron.*

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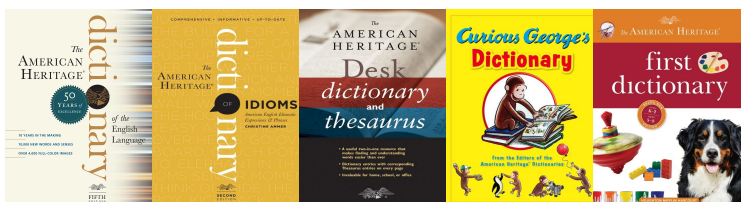
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