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twine  (twīn)

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v.tr.

1. To twist together (threads, for example); intertwine.
2. To form by twisting, intertwining, or interlacing: *twined the cord from plant fibers.*
3. To encircle or coil about: *a vine twining a tree.*
4. To wind, coil, or wrap around something: *"She was twining a wisp of hair very slowly around her fingers" (Anne Tyler).*

v.intr.

1. To become twisted, interlaced, or interwoven: *The branches of one tree twined with those of another.*
2. To go in a winding course; twist about: *a stream twining through the forest.*
3. To wind or coil about something: *morning glories twining about stakes.*

n.

1. A strong string or cord made of two or more threads twisted together.
2. Something formed by twining: *a twine of leaves.*

[Middle English *twinen*, from *twin*, *twine*, from Old English *twīn*, double thread; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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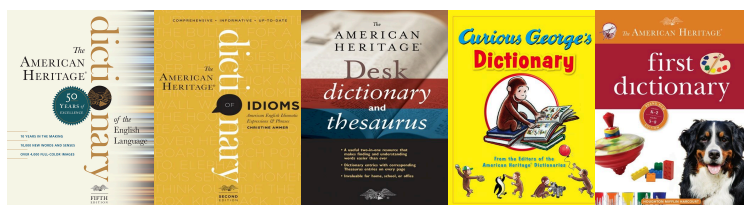
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