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n. pl. **du·plic·i·ties**

1.
 - a. Deliberate deceptiveness in behavior or speech.
 - b. An instance of deliberate deceptiveness; double-dealing.
2. The quality or state of being twofold or double.

[Middle English *duplicite*, from Old French, from Late Latin *duplicitās*, doubleness, from Latin *duplex*, *duplic*-, twofold; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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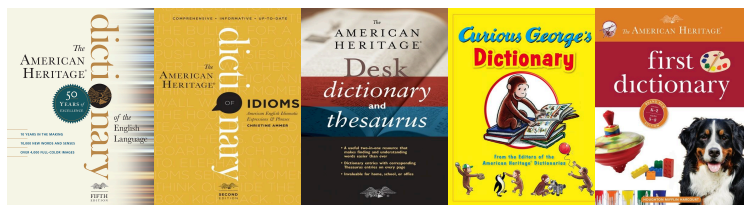
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