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adj.

Fit to be eaten, especially by humans: *edible roots; an edible mushroom.*

n.

Something fit to be eaten; food: *edibles such as vegetables and meat.*

[Late Latin *edibilis*, from Latin *edere*, to eat; see **ed-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

ed'i·bil i·ty, **ed i·ble·ness** *n.*

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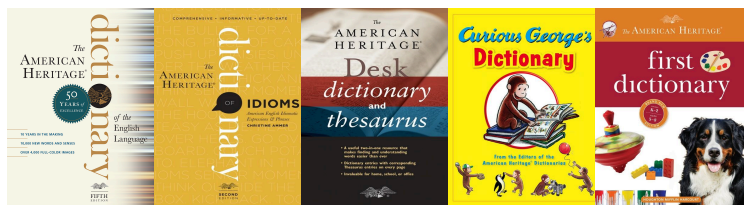
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