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adj.

Fit to be eaten; edible.

n.

Something that can be eaten as food: *meat, cheese, and other comestibles.*

[French, from Old French, from Late Latin *comēstibilis*, from Latin *comēstus*, alteration (influenced by *pōtus*, drunk) of *comēsus*, past participle of *comedere*, to eat up : *com-*, intensive pref.; see [COM-](#) + *edere*, to eat; see **ed-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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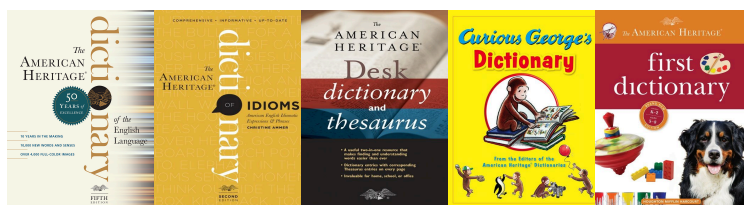
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