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*adj.*

1.
  - a. Subject to no further debate or dispute; final and unassailable: *a peremptory decree.*
  - b. Not allowing contradiction or refusal; imperative: *The officer issued peremptory commands.*
2. Offensively self-assured; imperious or dictatorial: *a swaggering, peremptory manner.*

[Latin *perēptōrius*, from *perēptus*, past participle of *perimere*, to take away : *per-*, *per-* + *emere*, to obtain; see **em-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

**per·emp to·ri·ly** *adv.*

**per·emp to·ri·ness** *n.*

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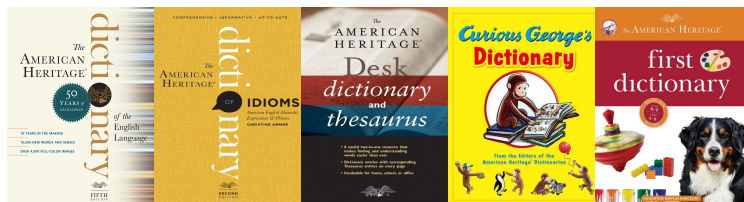
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