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v.
Second person singular and plural and first and third person plural present indicative of [be](#).

[Middle English *aren*, from Old English *aron*, *earon*; see **er**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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are ²  (âr, är) also **ar** (är)

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n. Abbr. **a**
A metric unit of area equal to 100 square meters (119.6 square yards).

[French, from Latin *ārea*, open space; see [AREA](#).]

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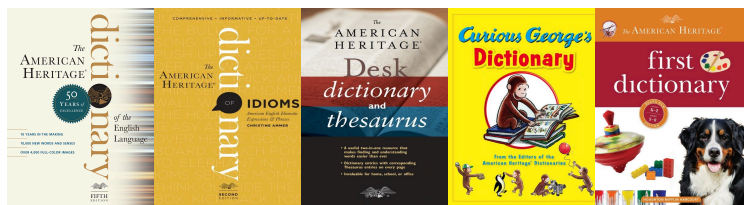
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