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n. pl. **en·ti·ties**

1. Something that exists as a particular and discrete unit: *Persons and corporations are equivalent entities under the law.*
2. The fact of existence; being.
3. The existence of something considered apart from its properties.

[Medieval Latin *entitās*, from Latin *ēns*, *ent-*, present participle of *esse*, to be; see **es-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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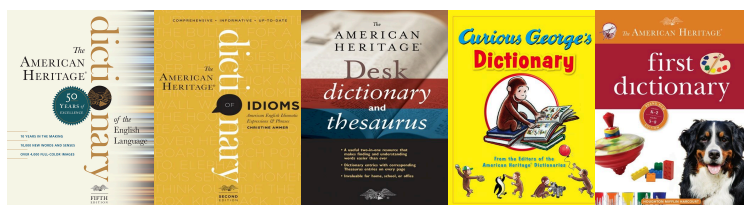
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