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1. combination
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comb  (kōm)

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n.

1.
 - a. A thin toothed strip, as of plastic, used to smooth, arrange, or fasten the hair.
 - b. An implement, such as one for dressing and cleansing wool or other fiber, that resembles a hair comb in shape or use.
 - c. A currycomb.
2.
 - a. The fleshy crest or ridge that grows on the crown of the head of domestic fowl and other birds and is most prominent in the male.
 - b. Something suggesting a fowl's comb in appearance or position.
3. A honeycomb.

v. **combed, comb-ing, combs**

v.tr.

1.
 - a. To arrange or groom (the hair) with or as with a comb: *combed her hair with a comb; combed his hair with his fingers.*
 - b. To move through or pass across with a raking action: *The wind combed the wheatfields.*
 2. To straighten and separate (wool or other fibers) using a comb.
 3. To search thoroughly; look through: *combed the dresser drawers for a lost bracelet.*
 4. To eliminate with or as with a comb: *combed the snarls out of his hair.*

v.intr.

1. To roll and break. Used of waves.
2. To make a thorough search: *combed through the file for the contract.*

[Middle English, from Old English *camb, comb*; see **gembh-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]



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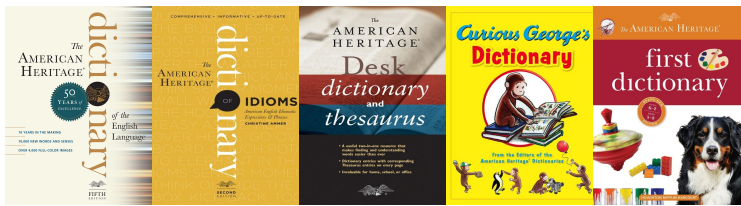
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