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n. **Abbr.** **K**

A program or class for four-year-old to six-year-old children that serves as an introduction to school.

[German : *Kinder*, genitive pl. of *Kind*, child (from Middle High German *kint*, from Old High German *kind*; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Garten*, garden (from Middle High German *garte*, from Old High German *garto*; see **gher-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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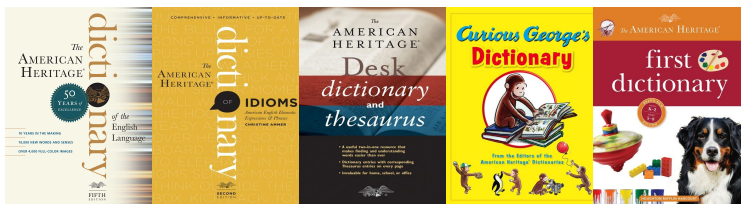
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