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v. graft·ed, graft·ing, grafts

v.tr.

1.

a. To unite (a shoot or bud) with a growing plant by insertion or by placing in close contact.

b. To join (a plant or plants) by such union.

2. To transplant or implant (living tissue, for example) surgically into a bodily part to replace a damaged part or compensate for a defect.

3. To join or unite closely: *graft new customs onto old*.

v.intr.

1. To make a graft.

2. To be or become joined.

n.

1.

a. A detached shoot or bud united or to be united with a growing plant.

b. The union or point of union of a detached shoot or bud with a growing plant by insertion or attachment.

c. A plant produced by such union.

2.

a. Material, especially living tissue or an organ, surgically attached to or inserted into a bodily part to replace a damaged part or compensate for a defect.

b. The procedure of implanting or transplanting such material.

c. The configuration or condition resulting from such a procedure.

[Middle English *graften*, alteration of *graffen*, probably from Old French *grafier*, from *graffe*, stylus, graft (from its shape), from Latin *graphium*, stylus; see [GRAFFITO](#). N., Middle English *grafte*, alteration of *graffe*, from Old French.]

graft **er** *n.*



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n.

1. Deceitful or fraudulent use of one's position, especially in public office, to obtain personal profits or advantages.

2. Money or advantage obtained by such means.

intr.v. graft·ed, graft·ing, grafts

To gain money or advantage through deceit or fraud.

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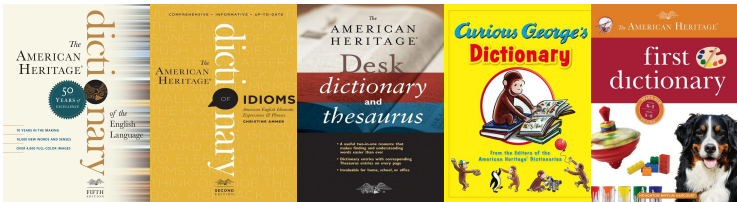
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