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n.

1.

a. The natural environment in which a species or group of species lives: *good coyote habitat; managing wildlife habitat.*

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[Latin, it dwells, third person sing. present of *habitāre*, to dwell; see [HABITABLE](#).]

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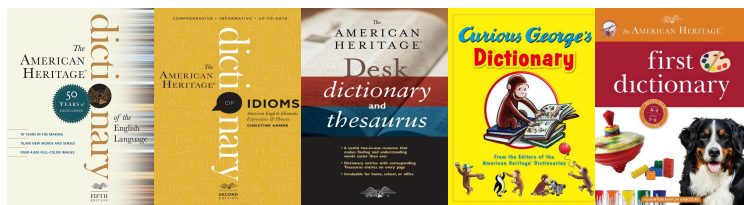
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