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- n.*
1. An item of debt as recorded in an account.
 2. The left-hand side of an account or accounting ledger where bookkeeping entries are made.
 3. An entry of a sum in the left-hand side of an account.
 4. The sum of such entries.
- tr.v. deb·it·ed, deb·it·ing, deb·its*
1. To enter (a sum) on the left-hand side of an account or accounting ledger.
 2. To charge with a debit: *If you use an ATM, the bank will debit your account immediately.*

[Middle English *debite*, from Latin *dēbitum*, debt; see [DEBT](#).]

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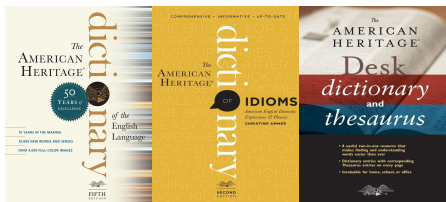
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