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n.

1. A conscientious or concerted effort toward an end; an earnest attempt.
2. Purposeful or industrious activity; enterprise.

v. **en·deav·ored, en·deav·or·ing, en·deav·ors**

v.tr.

To attempt (fulfillment of a responsibility or an obligation, for example) by employment or expenditure of effort:
endeavored to improve the quality of life in the inner city.

v.intr.

To work with a set or specified goal or purpose.

[Middle English *endeavour*, from *endeveren*, to make an effort, from (*putten*) *in dever*, (to put oneself) in duty, make it one's duty : *in*, *in*; see [IN](#)¹ + *dever*, duty (from Old French *deveir*, *devoir*, duty; see [DEVOIR](#)).]

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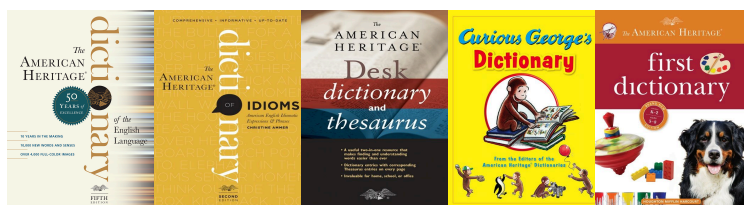
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