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*n.*

Any of several large, powerful accipiters, especially the northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), having broad rounded wings and a long tail.

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[Middle English *goshawk*, from Old English *gōshafoc* : *gōs*, goose; see [GOOSE](#) + *hafoc*, hawk; see [HAWK](#)<sup>1</sup>.]

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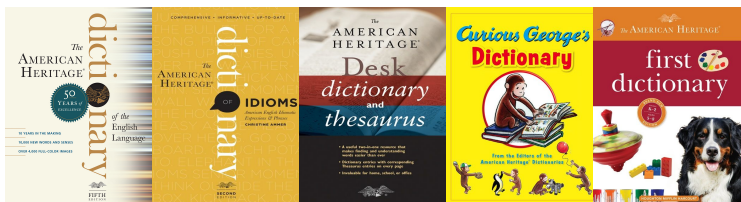
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