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gait  (gāt)

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n.

1. A particular way or manner of moving on foot: *a person who ran with a clumsy, hobbling gait.*
2. Any of the ways, such as a canter, trot, or walk, by which a horse can move by lifting the feet in different order or rhythm.
3. Rate or manner of proceeding: *The project went forward at a steady gait.*

tr.v. **gait·ed**, **gait·ing**, **gaits**

To train (a horse) in a particular gait or gaits.

[Middle English *gate*, path, gait, from Old Norse *gata*, path; see **ghē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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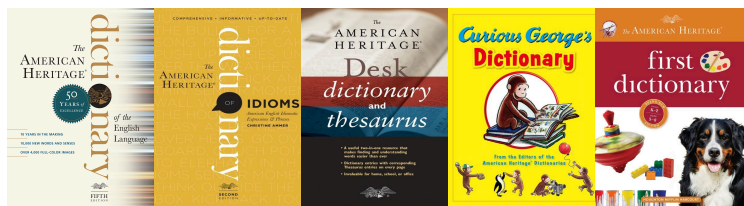
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