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yell  (yĕl)

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v. yelled, yell-ing, yells

v.intr.

To cry out loudly, as in pain, fright, surprise, or enthusiasm.

v.tr.

To utter or express with a loud cry.

n.

1. A loud cry; a shout.

2. A cheer uttered or chanted in unison.

[Middle English *yellen*, from Old English *giellan*, *gellan*; see **ghel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

yell *er n.*

Synonyms: yell, bawl, bellow, holler¹, howl, roar, shout, whoop

These verbs mean to say with or make a loud cry: *troops yelling as they attacked; a drum major bawling out orders; a coach bellowing with rage; a sailor hollering a warning; a patient howling with pain; a crowd roaring its disapproval; fans shouting their enthusiasm; children whooping at play.*

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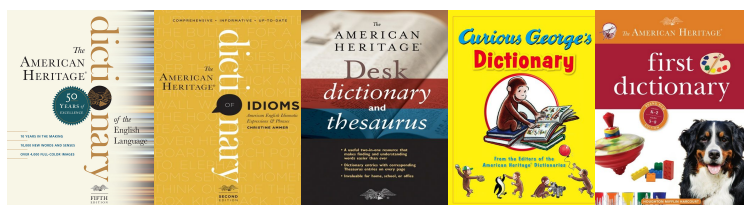
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