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intr.v. **gloat·ed**, **gloat·ing**, **gloats**

To feel or express great, often malicious, pleasure or self-satisfaction: *Don't gloat over your rival's misfortune.*

n.

1. The act of gloating.
2. A feeling of great, often malicious, pleasure or self-satisfaction.

[Perhaps of Scandinavian origin; see **ghel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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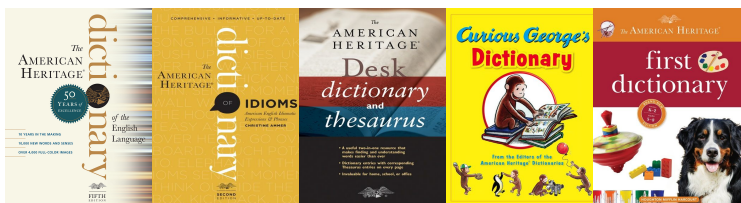
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