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glis·sade  (glĭ-sād , -sād)

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- n.*
1. A gliding step in ballet.
 2. A controlled slide, in either a standing or sitting position, used in descending a steep snow slope.
- intr.v.* **glis·sad·ed**, **glis·sad·ing**, **glis·sades**
To perform a glissade.

[French, from *glisser*, to slide, from Old French, possibly alteration (influenced by *glacer*, to slide) of *glie*, to glide, of Germanic origin; see **ghel**-² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

glis·sad *er n.*

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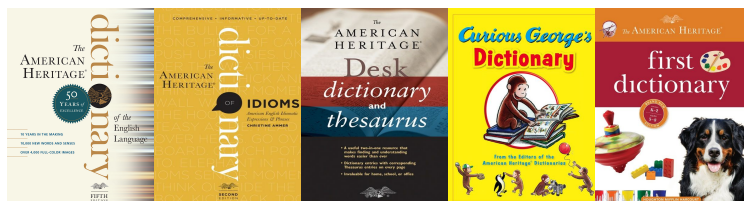
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