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n.

1. A chivalrous or adventurous undertaking.
2. Chivalrous daring or prowess.

[Middle English, from Old French, from feminine past participle of *emprendre*, to undertake, from Vulgar Latin **imprēndere* : Latin *in-*, *in*; see [EN](#)¹ + Latin *prehendere*, *prēndere*, to take, grasp; see **ghend-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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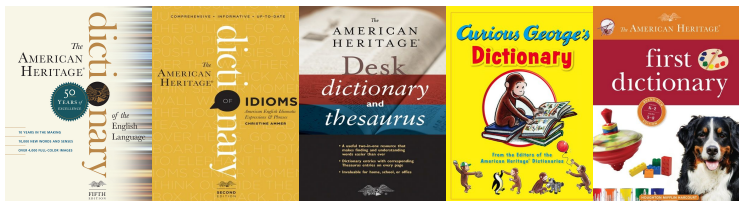
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