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spree  (sprē)

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n.

1. A sudden indulgence in or outburst of an activity: *a shopping spree; a crime spree.*
2. A carefree, lively outing.

[Perhaps alteration of Scots *spreath*, *spreagh*, cattle stolen in a raid, cattle raid, from Scottish Gaelic *sprèidh*, cattle, from Middle Irish, ultimately from Latin *praeda*, *booty*; see **ghend-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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Spree  (sprā, shprā)

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A river, about 400 km (250 mi) long, of eastern Germany rising near the Czech border and flowing generally north to the Havel River at Berlin.

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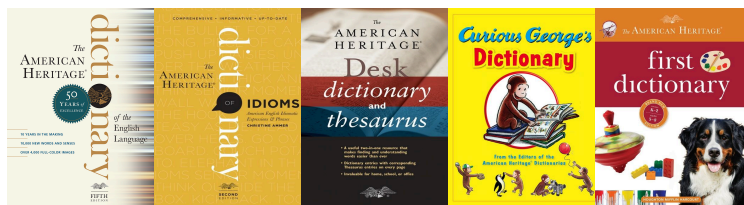
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