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girt¹  (gûrt)

Share:

v. **girt·ed, girt·ing, girts**

v.tr.

1. To gird.

2. To secure with a girth.

3. To measure the girth of.

v.intr.

To measure in girth.

[Variant of [GIRD](#)¹.]

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girt²  (gûrt)

Share:

v.

A past tense and a past participle of [gird](#)¹.

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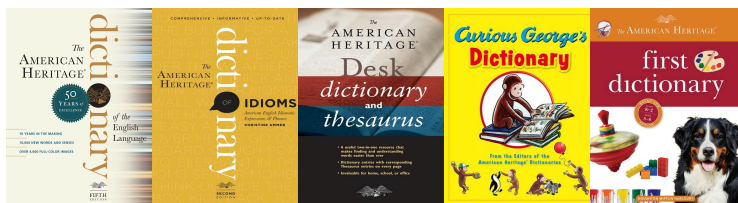
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