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Scottish-born American naturalist and physician who described many plants and animals in South Carolina.

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gar·den  (gär dn)

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n.

1.

a. A plot of land used for the cultivation of flowers, vegetables, herbs, or fruit.

b. An arrangement of living material that is cultivated for food, as a fungus garden maintained by ants.

2. often **gardens** Grounds laid out with flowers, trees, and ornamental shrubs and used for recreation or display: *public gardens; a botanical garden.*

3. A yard or lawn.

4. A fertile, well-cultivated region.

5.

a. An open-air establishment where refreshments are served.

b. A large public auditorium or arena.

v. **gar·dened**, **gar·den·ing**, **gar·dens**

v.tr.

1. To cultivate (a plot of ground) as a garden.

2. To furnish with a garden.

v.intr.

1. To plant or tend a garden.

2. To work as a gardener.

adj.

1. Of, suitable to, or used in a garden: *garden tools; garden vegetables.*

2. Provided with open areas and greenery: *a garden community.*

3. Garden-variety.

Idiom:

lead/take down the garden path

To mislead or deceive (another).

[Middle English *gardin*, from Old North French, from *gart*, of Germanic origin; see **gher**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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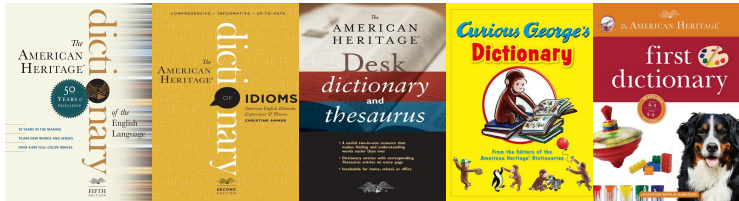
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