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cho·rus  (kôr əs)

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n. pl. cho·rus·es

1.
 - a. A group of singers who perform together, usually singing multi-part compositions with more than one singer for each part.
 - b. A group of vocalists and dancers who support the soloists and leading performers in operas, musical comedies, and revues.
 2.
 - a. A musical composition usually in four or more parts written for a large number of singers.
 - b. A refrain in a song, especially one in which the soloist is joined by other performers or audience members.
 - c. A solo section based on the main melody of a popular song and played by a member of the group.
 3.
 - a. A group of persons who speak or sing in unison a given part or composition in drama or poetry recitation.
 - b. An actor in Elizabethan drama who recites the prologue and epilogue to a play and sometimes comments on the action.
 4.
 - a. A group in a classical Greek drama whose songs and dances present an exposition of or, in later tradition, a disengaged commentary on the action.
 - b. The portion of a classical Greek drama consisting of choric dance and song.
 5.
 - a. A speech, song, or other utterance made in concert by many people.
 - b. A simultaneous utterance by a number of people: *a chorus of jeers from the bystanders*.
 - c. A simultaneous production of sound by numerous animals: *the midday chorus of cicadas*.
 - d. A simultaneous production of sound by numerous inanimate objects: *a chorus of lawnmowers from the neighborhood's backyards*.
- tr. & intr.v. cho·rused, cho·rus·ing, cho·rus·es or cho·rused or cho·rus·sing or cho·rus·ses*
To sing or utter in chorus.

Idiom:

in chorus

All together; in unison.

[Latin, choral dance, from Greek *khōros*; see [gher-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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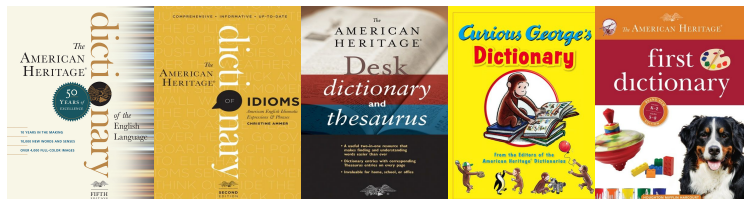
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