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ex·hort  (ĭg-zôrt)

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v. **ex·hort·ed**, **ex·hort·ing**, **ex·horts**

v.tr.

To urge by strong, often stirring argument, admonition, advice, or appeal: *exhorted the troops to hold the line.*

v.intr.

To make an urgent appeal.

[Middle English *exhorten*, from Latin *exhortārī* : *ex-*, intensive pref.; see [EX-](#) + *hortārī*, to encourage; see **gher-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ex·hort **er n.**

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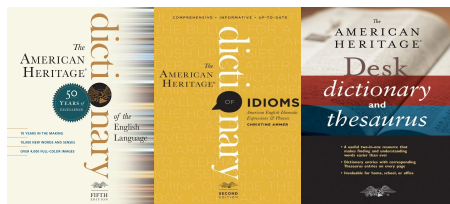
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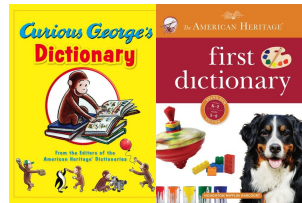
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