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- n.*
- a.** A continuous strand of twisted threads of natural or synthetic fibers, such as wool or nylon, used in weaving or knitting.
  - b.** A similar strand of other materials such as glass or plastic.
- 2. Informal** A long, often elaborate narrative of real or fictitious adventures; an entertaining tale.
- intr.v.* **yarned, yarn-ing, yarns**
- Informal*
- To tell an entertaining tale or series of tales.

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[Middle English, from Old English *gearn*; see **ghera-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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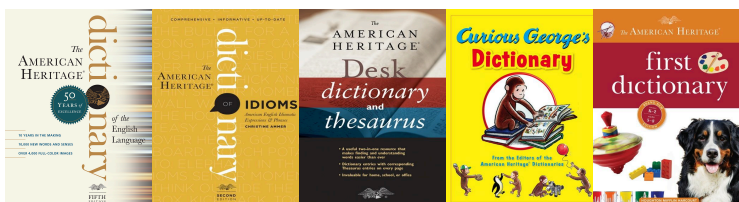
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