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n.

An advance or a loan of funds, especially for services rendered to a government.

[From obsolete Italian *impresto*, loan, from past participle of *imprestare*, to lend : *in-*, toward (from Latin; see [in-](#)²) + *prestare*, to lend (from Latin *praestāre*, to give, from *praestō*, at hand; see **ghes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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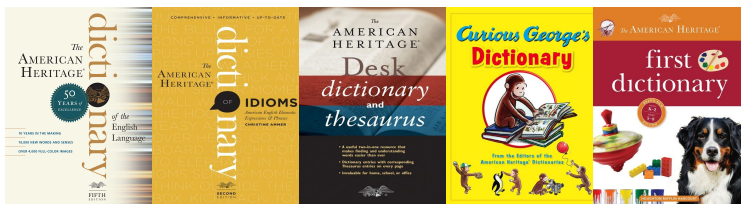
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