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1. *Abbr. mi. or mi* A unit of length equal to 5,280 feet or 1,760 yards (1,609 meters), used in the United States and other English-speaking countries. Also called *land mile*, *statute mile*. See Table at [measurement](#).
2. A nautical mile.
3. An air mile.
4. *Sports* A race that is one mile long.
5. A relatively great distance: *had to walk for miles in the airport*.

[Middle English, from Old English *mīl*, from Latin *mīlia* (*passuum*), a thousand (double paces), a Roman mile, pl. of *mille*, thousand; see [gheslo-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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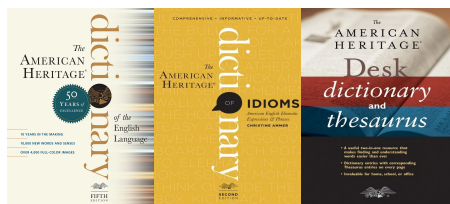
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