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n. pl. **million** or **mil·lions**

1. The cardinal number equal to 10^6 .
2. A million monetary units, such as dollars: *made a million in the stock market*.
3. often **millions** An indefinitely large number: *millions of bicycles on the road*.
4. often **millions** The common people; the masses: *entertainment for the millions*.

[Middle English *milioun*, from Middle French *million*, from Old Italian *millione*, augmentative of *mille*, thousand, from Latin *mīlle*; see **gheslo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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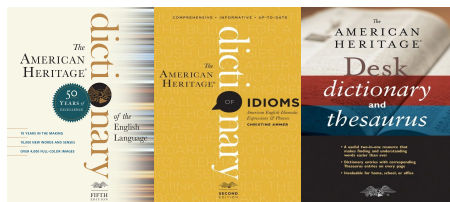
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