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n.

1.

a. A conical utensil having a small hole or narrow tube at the apex and used to channel the flow of a substance, as into a small-mouthed container.

b. Something resembling this utensil in shape.

2. A shaft, flue, or stack for ventilation or the passage of smoke, especially the smokestack of a ship or locomotive.

v. **fun·neled**, **fun·nel·ing**, **fun·nels** or **fun·nelled** or **fun·nel·ling**

v.intr.

1. To take the shape of a funnel.

2. To move through or as if through a funnel: *tourists funneling slowly through customs.*

v.tr.

1. To cause to take the shape of a funnel.

2. To cause to move through or as if through a funnel.

[Middle English *fonel*, from Provençal *fonilh*, from Late Latin *fundibulum*, from Latin *īfundibulum*, from *īfundere*, to pour in; see [INFUSE](#).]

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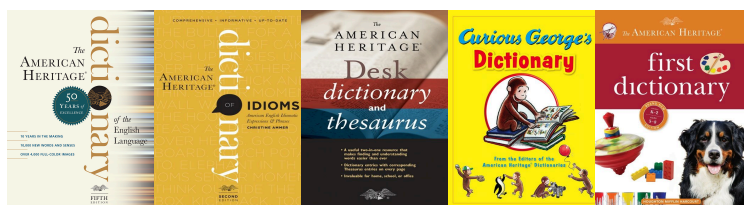
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