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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of an enemy: *hostile forces; hostile acts.*
2. Feeling or showing enmity or ill will: *interpreted the remark as hostile.*
3. Being in opposition; opposed: *hostile to the proposal.*
4. Unfavorable to health or well-being; inhospitable or adverse: *a hostile climate.*

n.

1. An antagonistic person or thing.
2. An enemy in warfare.

[Latin *hostīlis*, from *hostis*, enemy; see **ghos-ti-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

hos tile·ly *adv.*

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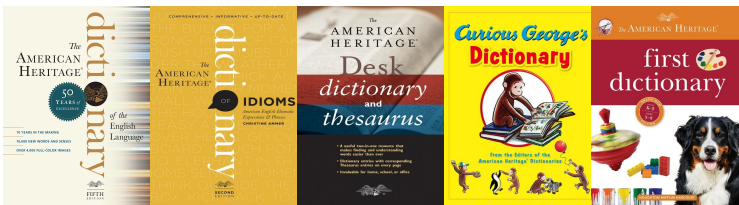
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