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adj.

1. Disposed to treat guests with warmth and generosity.
2. Indicative of cordiality toward guests: *a hospitable act.*
3. Having an open mind; receptive: *hospitable to new ideas.*
4. Favorable to growth and development; agreeable: *a hospitable environment.*

[Obsolete French, from Medieval Latin **hospitābilis*, from Latin *hospitāre*, to put up as a guest, from *hospes*, *hospit-*, guest, host; see **ghos-ti-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

hos pi·ta·bly *adv.*

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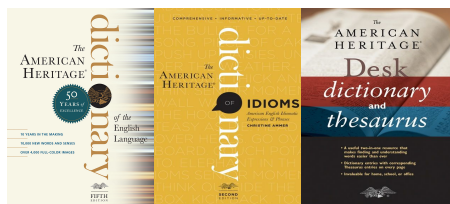
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