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groove  (gr v)

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n.

1. A long narrow furrow or channel.

2.

a. The spiral track cut into a phonograph record for the stylus to follow.

b. *Informal* An interesting or enjoyable rhythm in a piece of music, especially in jazz or popular music.

c. *Informal* A settled routine: *got into the groove of a nine-to-five job.*

3. *Slang*

a. A situation or an activity that one enjoys or to which one is especially well suited: *found his groove playing bass in a trio.*

b. A very pleasurable experience.

v. **grooved, groov-ing, grooves**

v. *tr.*

1. To cut a groove or grooves in.

2. *Baseball* To throw (a pitch) over the middle of home plate, where it is likely to be hit.

v. *intr.*

Slang

1.

a. To take great pleasure or satisfaction; enjoy oneself: *just sitting around, grooving on the music.*

b. To be affected with pleasurable excitement.

2. To react or interact harmoniously.

Idiom:

in the groove *Slang*

Performing exceptionally well.

[Middle English *groof*, mining shaft, probably from Middle Dutch *groeve*, ditch; see **ghrebh-**² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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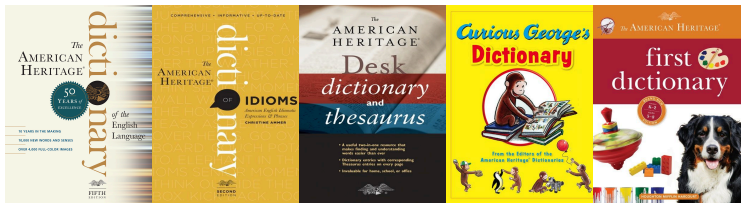
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