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1.

a. To cause to come to know personally: *Let me acquaint you with my family.*

b. To make familiar: *acquainted myself with the controls.*

2. To inform: *Please acquaint us with your plans.*

[Middle English *aqueinten*, from Old French *acointier*, from Medieval Latin *accognitāre*, from Latin *accognitus*, past participle of *accognōscere*, to know perfectly : *ad-*, intensive pref.; see [AD-](#) + *cognōscere*, to know; see [COGNITION](#).]

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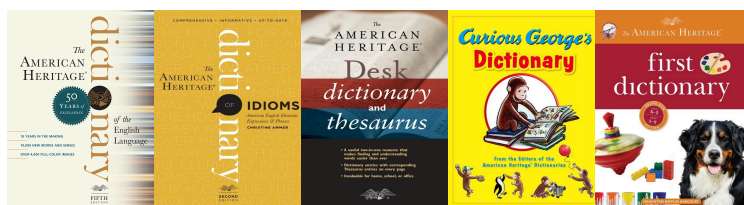
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