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- n.*
- A pattern that is regarded as typical of something: *a neighborhood where families with two wage-earners are the norm.*
 - A standard or expectation that is established for a given enterprise or effort: *journalistic norms.*
 - A pattern of behavior considered acceptable or proper by a social group: *violated the norms of his community.*
 - Mathematics*
 - An average.
 - The magnitude of a vector.
 - The modulus of a complex number.
- tr.v. normed, norm-ing, norms*
- To establish or judge in reference to a norm: *normed the test on the basis of last year's results.*
 - Mathematics* To define a norm on (a space).

[French *norme*, from Old French, from Latin *norma*, carpenter's square, norm; see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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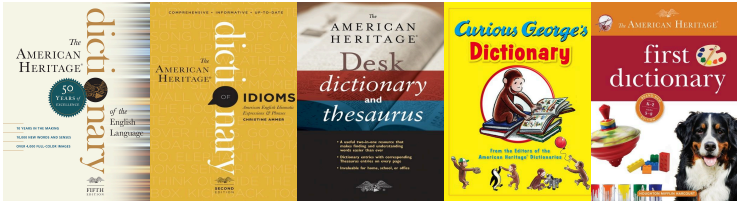
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