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n.

1.

a. An undertaking or enterprise of a hazardous nature.

b. An undertaking of a questionable nature, especially one involving intervention in another state's affairs.

2. An unusual or exciting experience: *an adventure in dining*.

3. Participation in hazardous or exciting experiences: *the love of adventure*.

4. A financial speculation or business venture.

v. **ad·ven·tured**, **ad·ven·tur·ing**, **ad·ven·tures**

v.tr.

1. To venture upon; undertake or try: *adventure a joke*.

2. To expose to danger or risk: "*I had adventured other people's safety in a course of self-indulgence*" (Robert Louis Stevenson).

v.intr.

1. To proceed despite risks: *adventure into the wilderness*.

2. To take a risk; dare: "*the first glass of wine I have adventured to drink*" (Lawrence Sterne).

[Middle English *aventure*, from Old French, from Latin *adventūrus*, future participle of *advenīre*, to arrive; see [ADVENT](#).]

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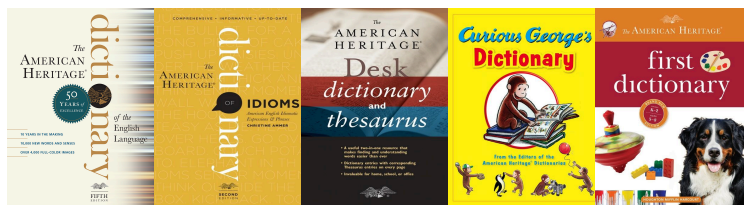
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