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be·come  (bĭ-kŭm)

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v. **be·came** (-kām), **be·come**, **be·com·ing**, **be·comes**

v.intr.

To grow or come to be: *became more knowledgeable; will become clearer in the morning.*

v.tr.

1. To be appropriate or suitable to: "*It would not become me ... to interfere with parties*" (Jonathan Swift).

2. To show to advantage; look good with: *The new suit becomes you.*

Phrasal Verb:

become of

To be the fate of; happen to: *What has become of the old garden?*

[Middle English *bicomen*, from Old English *becuman*; see **g^wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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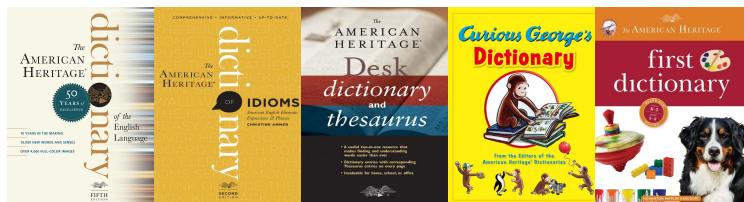
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