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viv·id  (vĭv ĭd)

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adj. **viv·id·er**, **viv·id·est**

1. Perceived as bright and distinct; brilliant: *a vivid star*.
2.
 - a. Having intensely bright colors: *a vivid tapestry*.
 - b. Having a very high degree of saturation: *a vivid purple*.
3. Presented in clear and striking manner: *a vivid account of the incident*.
4. Perceived or felt with the freshness of immediate experience: *a vivid recollection of their childhood*.
5. Active in forming lifelike images: *a vivid imagination*.

[Latin *vīvidus*, from *vīvere*, to live; see **g^{wei}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

viv id·ly *adv.*

viv id·ness *n.*

Synonyms: **vivid, graphic, lifelike, realistic**

These adjectives mean strikingly sharp and accurate: *a vivid recollection; a graphic account of the battle; a lifelike portrait; a realistic description*.

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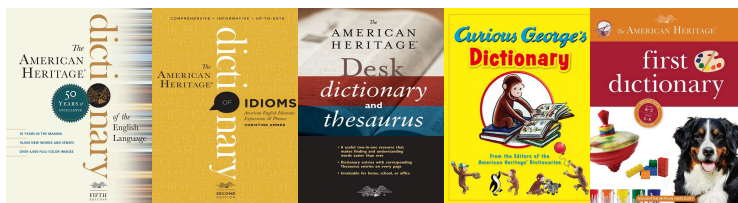
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