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sur·vive  (sər-vīv)

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v.intr.

1. To remain alive or in existence.
2. To carry on despite hardships or trauma; persevere: *families that were surviving in tents after the flood.*
3. To remain functional or usable: *I dropped the radio, but it survived.*

v.tr.

1. To live longer than; outlive: *She survived her husband by five years.*
2. To live, persist, or remain usable through: *plants that can survive frosts; a clock that survived a fall.*
3. To cope with (a trauma or setback); persevere after: *survived child abuse.*

[Middle English *surviven*, from Old French *sourvivre*, from Latin *supervivere* : *super-*, *super-* + *vivere*, to live; see **g^{wei}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

sur·vi vor n.

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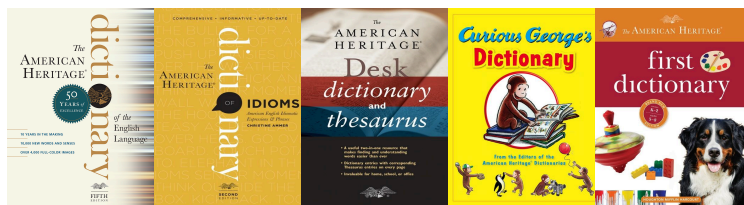
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