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intr.v. **quiv·ered**, **quiv·er·ing**, **quiv·ers**

1. To shake with a slight, rapid, tremulous movement.
2. To tremble, as from cold or strong emotion. See Synonyms at [shake](#).

n.

The act or motion of quivering.

[Middle English *quiveren*, perhaps from *quiver*, nimble (from Old English *cwifer*-; see **gwei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

quiv er·ing·ly *adv.*

quiv er·y *adj.*

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quiv·er²  (kwĭv ər)

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n.

1. A portable case for holding arrows.
2. A case full of arrows.
3. A collection or store; arsenal: *a quiver of ready responses*.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *quiveir*, variant of Old French *cuivre*, from Old Low Franconian *cocar*, probably from Medieval Latin *cucurum*, probably from Hunnish; akin to Mongolian *kökür*.]

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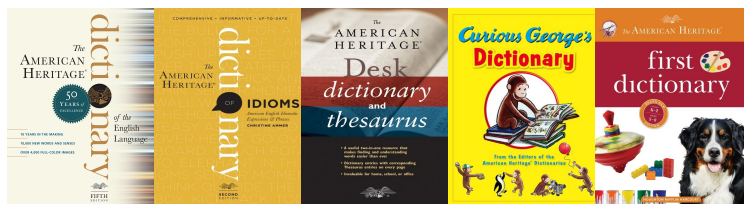
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