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n.

1. *Law*

a. Early release of a prisoner who is then subject to continued monitoring as well as compliance with certain terms and conditions for a specified period.

b. The duration of such conditional release.

2. A password used by an officer of the day, an officer on guard, or the personnel commanded by such an officer.

3. Word of honor, especially that of a prisoner of war who is granted freedom only after promising not to engage in combat until formally exchanged.

4. *Linguistics* The act of speaking; a particular utterance or word.

tr.v. **pa·roled**, **pa·rol·ing**, **pa·roles**

To release (a prisoner) on parole.

[French, promise, word, from Vulgar Latin **paraula*, from Latin *parabola*, discourse; see [PARABLE](#).]

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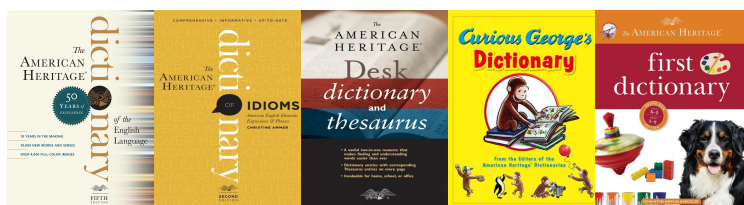
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