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n.

1.

a. Deep mental anguish, as that arising from bereavement, or an instance of this. See Synonyms at [regret](#).

b. A source or cause of deep mental anguish: *"That knowledge would be a grief to her"* ([Tobias Wolff](#)).

2.

a. Annoyance or frustration, or an instance of this: *Trying to follow their directions was nothing but grief.*

b. Trouble or difficulty, or an instance of this: *the griefs of trying to meet a deadline.*

c. *Informal* Criticism or rude talk: *gave me a lot of grief about being late.*

3. *Archaic* A grievance.

[Middle English, from Old French, from *grever*, to harm, aggrieve; see [GRIEVE](#).]

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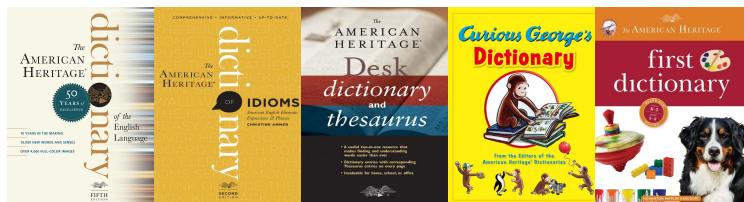
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