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1. Physics

a. The natural attraction between physical bodies, especially when one of the bodies is a celestial body, such as the earth.

b. See [gravitation](#).

2. Grave consequence; seriousness or importance: *They are still quite unaware of the gravity of their problems.*

3. Solemnity or dignity of manner.

[French *gravité*, heaviness, from Old French, from Latin *gravitās*, from *gravis*, heavy; see **g^Wera-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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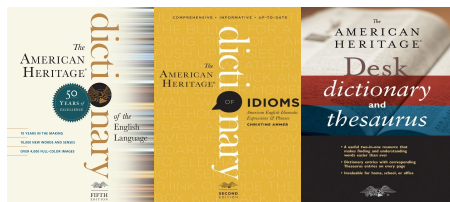
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