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1. The worldwide community of Buddhist monks and nuns, and sometimes Buddhist laity.
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[Sanskrit *saṃghaḥ*, assemblage, community, from *saṃhanti*, he strikes together, puts together : *saṃ*, together; see **sem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *hanti*, he strikes; see **g^when-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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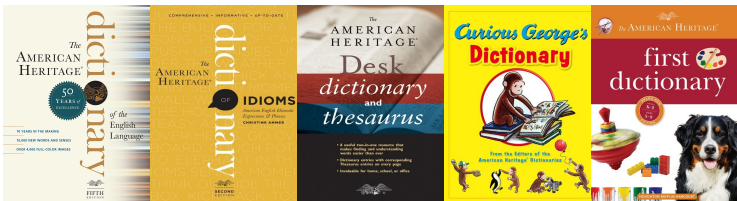
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