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**bran·dish**  (brăn dīsh)

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*tr.v.* **bran·dished**, **bran·dish·ing**, **bran·dish·es**

To wave or flourish (something, often a weapon) in a menacing, defiant, or excited way. See Synonyms at [flourish](#).

*n.*

A menacing, defiant, or excited wave or flourish of something.

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[Middle English *brandissen*, from Old French *brandir*, *brandiss-*, from *brand*, sword, of Germanic origin; see **g<sup>w</sup>her-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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**bran dīsh·er** *n.*

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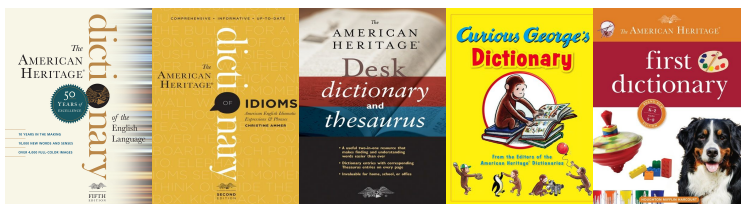
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