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n. pl. fren·zies

1. A state of violent mental agitation or wild excitement.
2. Temporary madness or delirium.
3. A mania; a craze.

tr.v. fren·zied, fren·zy·ing, fren·zies

To drive into a frenzy.

[Middle English *frenesie*, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *phrenēsia*, from Latin *phrenēsis*, back-formation from *phrenēticus*, delirious; see [FRENETIC](#).]

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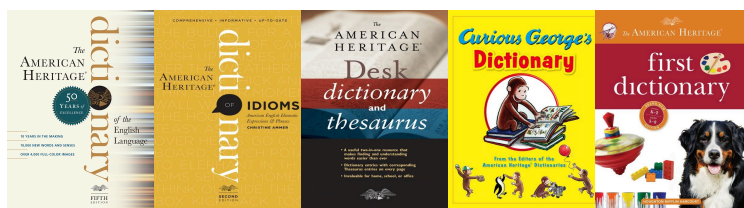
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