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- adj.*
- a.** Being without ceremony or formality; relaxed or informal: *a casual evening with friends.*
 - b.** Unpremeditated or offhand: *a casual remark.*
 - c.** Suited for everyday wear or informal use: *casual clothing.*
 - 2.** Not serious or thorough; superficial: *a casual inspection; a casual understanding of French.*
 - 3.** Showing little interest or concern; nonchalant: *"speaks with casual aplomb about being shot at" (Janelle Brown).*
 - 4.** Occurring or being such by chance: *"in the first months when I was pregnant, before it was obvious to the casual observer" (Anne Roiphe).* See Synonyms at [chance](#).
 - 5.**
 - a.** Occurring at irregular or infrequent intervals; occasional: *casual employment at a factory; a casual correspondence with a former teacher.*
 - b.** Employed on an irregular basis: *casual workers.*
 - 6.**
 - a.** Socialized with only occasionally; not close or intimate: *a casual acquaintance.*
 - b.** Being or occurring between sexual partners who are not in an established relationship: *casual lovers; casual sex.*
- n.*
- 1.** One that serves or appears at irregular intervals, especially a temporary worker.
 - 2. casuals** Casualwear: *sent my casuals to the cleaners.*
 - 3.** A soldier temporarily attached to a unit while awaiting permanent assignment.

[Middle English *casuel*, due to chance, unpredictable, from Old French, from Latin *cāsuālis*, from *cāsus*, event; see [CASE](#)¹.]

ca su·al·ly *adv.*
ca su·al·ness *n.*

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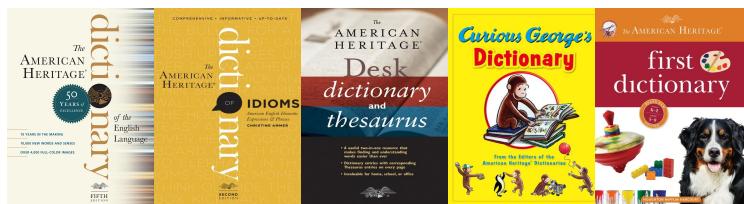
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