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de·cid·u·ous  (di-sij -əs)

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adj.

1. Shedding or losing foliage at the end of the growing season: *deciduous trees*.
2. Falling off or shed at a specific season or stage of growth: *deciduous antlers*; *deciduous leaves*.
3. Of or relating to the primary teeth.

[From Latin *deciduus*, from *decidere*, to fall off : *de-*, *de-* + *cadere*, to fall; see **kad-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·cid u·ous·ly *adv.*

de·cid u·ous·ness *n.*



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deciduous

top: with foliage in summer

bottom: without foliage in winter



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deciduous

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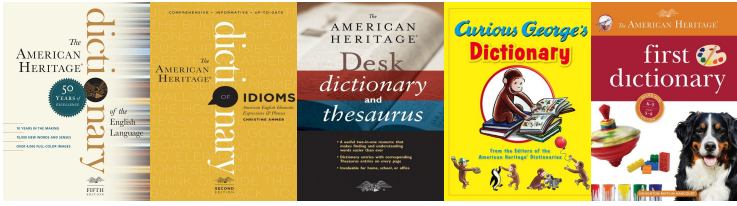
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