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tr.v. **scis·sored**, **scis·sor·ing**, **scis·sors**

To cut or clip with scissors or shears.

n.

1. **scissors** (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*) A cutting implement consisting of two blades joined by a swivel pin that allows the cutting edges to be opened and closed.

2. **scissors** (*used with a sing. verb*) *Sports*

a. Any of various gymnastic exercises or jumps in which the movement of the legs suggests the opening and closing of scissors.

b. A scissors hold.

[From alteration (influenced by Latin *scissor*, cutter) of Middle English *sisours*, scissors, from Old French *cisoires*, from Vulgar Latin **cīsōria*, from Late Latin, pl. of *cīsōrium*, cutting instrument, from Latin *caesus*, *-cĭsus*, past participle of *caedere*, to cut; see **kaa-id-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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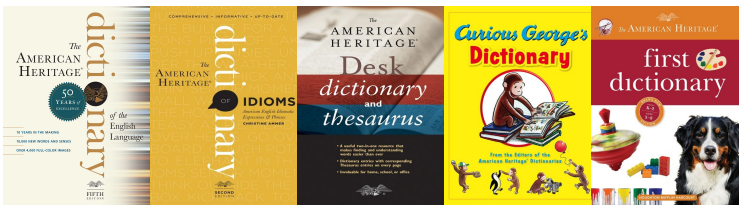
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