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adj. **hal·er**, **hal·est**

Free from infirmity or illness; sound. See Synonyms at [healthy](#).

[Middle English, from Old English *hāl*; see **kailo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hale **ness** *n.*

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hale²  (hāl)

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tr.v. **haled**, **hal·ing**, **hales**

1. To compel to go: "*In short order the human rights campaign was haled before a high court of indignation*" (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.)

2. Archaic To pull, draw, drag, or hoist.

[Middle English *halen*, to pull, drag, from Old French *haler*, of Germanic origin; see **kela-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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Hale, Sarah Josepha Buell 1788-1879.

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American writer and editor of *Godey's Lady's Book* (1837-1877), the most popular American women's magazine of its time. Her own works include the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb" (1830).

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Hale, Nathan 1755-1776.

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American Revolutionary soldier hanged by the British as a spy. According to tradition, his last words were "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

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Hale, George Ellery 1868-1938.

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American astronomer who invented the spectroheliograph (1891) and was instrumental in the establishment of several observatories. He directed the Mount Wilson Observatory from 1904 to 1923.

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Hale  (hāl), **Edward Everett** 1822-1909.

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American Unitarian cleric and writer whose more than 150 literary works include the story "The Man Without a Country" (1863). His sister **Lucretia Peabody Hale** (1820-1900) wrote two noted children's books, *The Peterkin Papers* (1880) and *The Last of the Peterkins* (1886).

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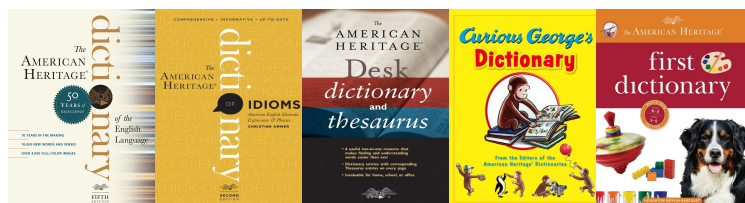
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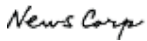
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