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1. To cast a spell over; bewitch.
2. To attract and delight; entrance. See Synonyms at [charm](#).

[Middle English *enchanten*, from Old French *enchanter*, from Latin *incantāre*, to utter an incantation, cast a spell : *in-*, against; see [EN-](#)¹ + *cantāre*, to sing, frequentative of *canere*; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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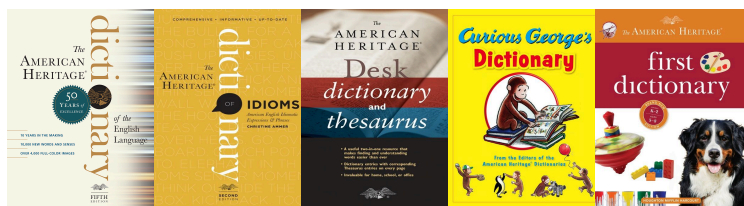
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