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v. re·cant·ed, re·cant·ing, re·cants

v.tr.

To make a formal retraction or disavowal of (a statement or belief to which one has previously committed oneself).

v.intr.

To make a formal retraction or disavowal of a previously held statement or belief.

[Latin *recantāre* : *re-*, *re-* + *cantāre*, to sing, frequentative of *canere*; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

re'can·ta tion (rĕ'kăn-tā shən) *n.*

re·cant er *n.*

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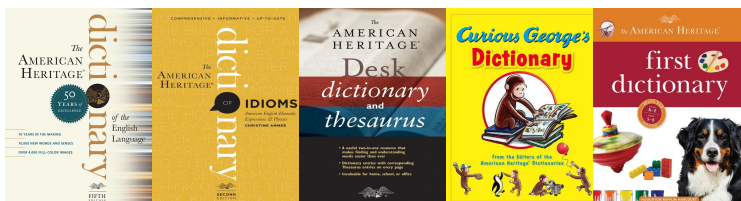
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