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ca·ble  (kā bəl)

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n.

1.

a. A strong, large-diameter, heavy steel or fiber rope.

b. Something that resembles such steel or fiber rope.

2.

a. *Electricity* A bound or sheathed group of mutually insulated conductors.

b. A sheathed bundle of optical fibers.

3. *Nautical*

a. A heavy rope or chain for mooring or anchoring a ship.

b. A cable length.

4.

a. Cable television.

b. A similar service providing internet access.

5. A cablegram.

adj.

Of or relating to a subscription television or internet service that uses cables to carry signals between local distribution antennas and the subscriber's location.

v. **ca·bled**, **ca·bling**, **ca·bles**

v.*tr.*

1.

a. To send a cablegram to.

b. To transmit (a message) by telegraph.

2. To supply or fasten with a cable or cables.

v.*intr.*

To send a cablegram.

[Middle English, from Old North French, from Late Latin *capulum*, lasso, from Latin *capere*, to seize; see **kap-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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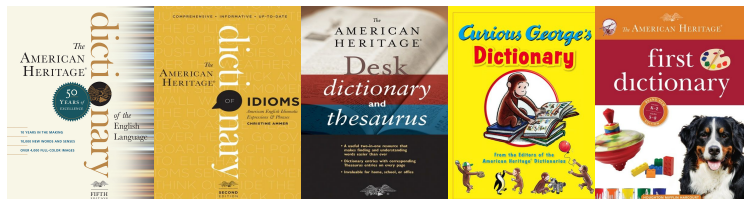
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