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n.

Weight; heaviness; bulk.

v. **heft·ed, heft·ing, hefts**

v.tr.

1. To lift (something) in order to judge or estimate its weight.

2. To hoist (something); heave.

v.intr.

To have a given weight; weigh.

[Middle English, from *heven*, to lift; see [HEAVE](#).]

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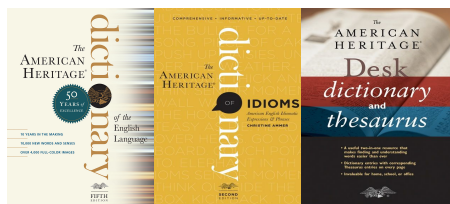
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