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v.*intr.*

1. To provide food or entertainment.

2. To be particularly attentive or solicitous; minister: *The nurses catered to my every need. The legislation catered to various special interest groups.*

v.*tr.*

1. To provide food service for: *a business that caters banquets and weddings.*

2. To attend to the wants or needs of.

[From obsolete *cater*, a buyer of provisions, from Middle English *catour*, short for *acatour*, from Norman French, from *acater*, to buy, from Vulgar Latin **accaptāre* : Latin *ad-*, *ad-* + Latin *captāre*, to chase; see [CATCH](#).]

ca ter·er *n.*

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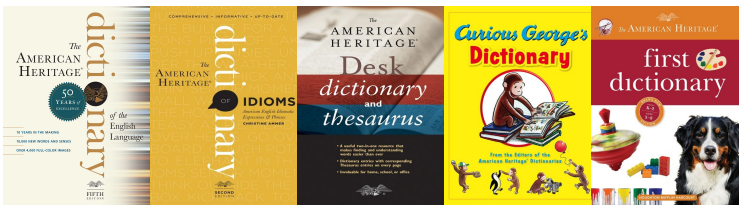
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