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tr.v. **be·head·ed, be·head·ing, be·heads**

To separate the head from; decapitate.

[Middle English *biheden*, from Old English *behēafdian* : *be-*, away from; see [BE-](#) + *hēafod*, head; see [HEAD](#).]

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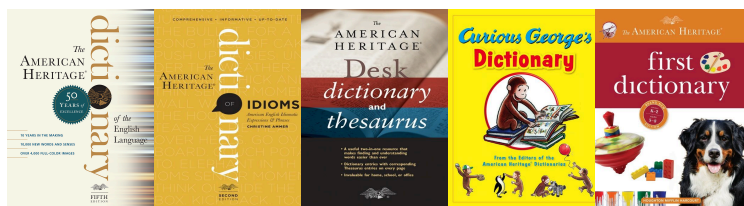
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