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cape¹  (kāp)

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n.

1. A sleeveless outer garment fastened at the throat and worn hanging over the shoulders.
2. A brightly colored cloth used in maneuvering the bull in a bullfight; a capote or muleta.

tr.v. **caped**, **cap·ing**, **capes**

To maneuver (the bull) by means of a cape in a bullfight.

[Middle French *cape*, from Spanish *capa*, from Late Latin *cappa*.]

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cape²  (kāp)

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n. **Abbr. C.**

A point or head of land projecting into a body of water.

[Middle English *cap*, from Old French, from Old Provençal, from Latin *caput*, head; see **kaput-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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Cape  (kāp) or **Cape of**

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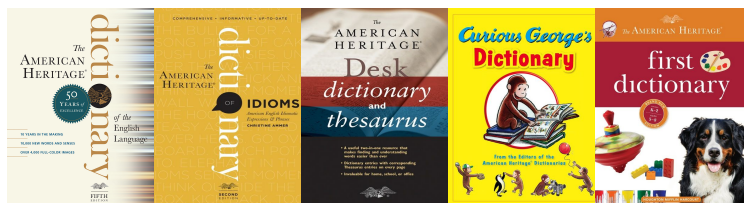
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