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hay  (hā)

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n.

1. Grass or other plants, such as clover or alfalfa, cut and dried for fodder.
2. *Slang* A trifling amount of money: *gets \$100 an hour, which isn't hay.*

v. **hayed**, **hay-ing**, **hays**

v.intr.

To mow and cure grass and herbage for hay.

v.tr.

1. To make hay on (a patch of land).
2. To make (grass or other plants) into hay.
3. To feed with hay.

[Middle English, from Old English *hæg*; see **kau-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

hay *er n.*

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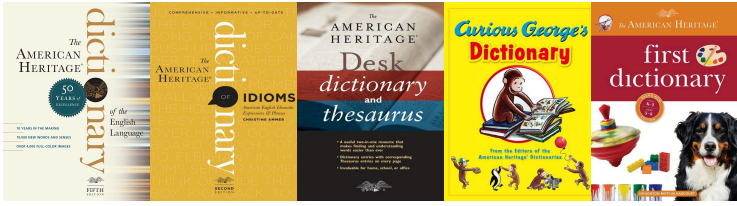
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