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pro·ceed  (prō-sēd , prə-)

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intr.v. **pro·ceed·ed**, **pro·ceed·ing**, **pro·ceeds**

1. To go forward or onward, especially after an interruption; continue: *proceeded to his destination; paused to clear her throat, then proceeded.*
2. To begin to carry on an action or a process: *looked surprised, then proceeded to roar with laughter.*
3. To move on in an orderly manner: *Business proceeded as usual.*
4. To come from a source; originate or issue: *behavior proceeding from hidden motives.* See Synonyms at [stem](#)¹.
5. *Law* To institute and pursue legal action: *proceeded against the defaulting debtor.*

pl.n. **pro·ceeds** (prō sēdz')

The amount of money derived from a commercial or fundraising venture; the yield.

[Middle English *proceden*, from Old French *proceder*, from Latin *prōcēdere* : *prō-*, forward; see [PRO-](#)¹ + *cēdere*, to go; see [ked-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

pro·ceed *er n.*

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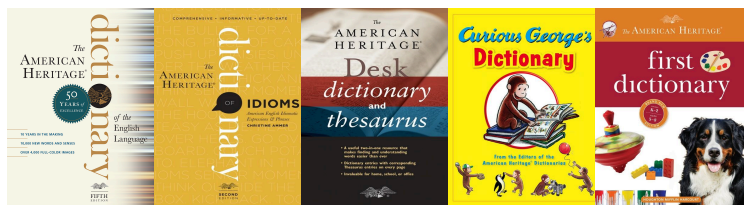
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