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adj.

Located at or forming the back or rear; posterior: *an animal's hind legs; the hinder part of a steer.*

[Middle English *hinde*, short for *bihinde*, behind, from Old English *bihindan*; see **ko-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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hind ² (hīnd)

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n.

1. A female red deer.
2. Any of various spotted groupers of the genus *Epinephelus* or various related fishes of the genus *Cephalopholis*.

[Middle English, from Old English.]

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n.

1. *Chiefly British* A farm laborer, especially a skilled worker.
2. *Archaic* A country bumpkin; a rustic.

[Alteration of Middle English *hine*, household servants, possibly from Old English *hīne*, genitive of *hīgan*, *hīwan*, members of a household; see **kei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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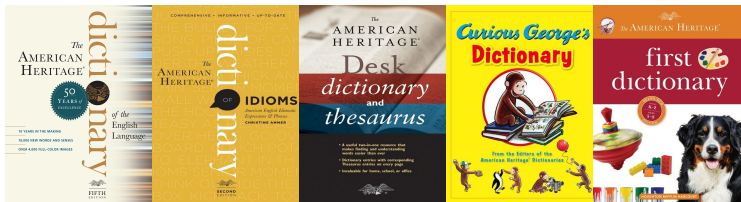
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