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n.

1. A room or enclosed space used for storage, usually beneath the ground or under a building.
2. A basement.
3. An underground shelter, as from storms.
4. A wine cellar.
5. *Slang* The last place or lowest level, especially in competitive standings: *The team came from the cellar to win the pennant.*

tr.v. **cel·lared, cel·lar·ing, cel·lars**

To store in a cellar.

[Middle English *celer*, from Old French, from Late Latin *cellārium*, pantry, from Latin *cella*, storeroom; see **kel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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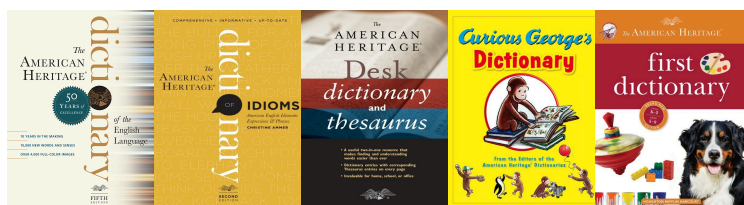
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