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v. **ex·claimed**, **ex·claim·ing**, **ex·claims**

v.*intr.*

To cry out suddenly or vehemently, as from surprise or emotion: *The children exclaimed with excitement.*

v.*tr.*

To express or utter (something) suddenly or vehemently: *exclaimed her surprise.*

[French *exclamer*, from Latin *exclāmāre* : *ex-*, *ex-* + *clāmāre*, to call; see **kela-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ex·claim *er n.*

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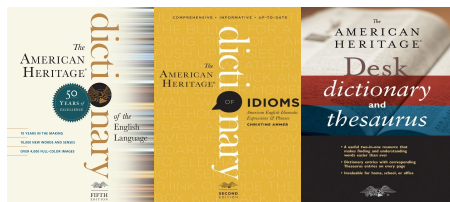
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