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v. de·claimed, de·claim·ing, de·claims

v.intr.

1. To deliver a formal recitation, especially as an exercise in rhetoric or elocution.

2. To speak loudly and vehemently; inveigh.

v.tr.

To utter or recite with rhetorical effect.

[Middle English *declamen*, from Latin *dēclāmāre* : *dē-*, intensive pref.; see [DE-](#) + *clāmāre*, to cry out; see [kela-](#)² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·claim **er n.**

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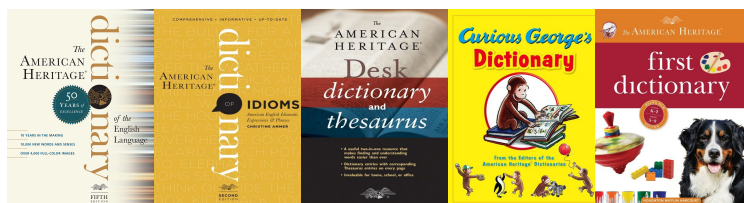
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