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- n.*
1. The act of encircling or encompassing.
 2.
 - a. Something that encircles or surrounds.
 - b. A belt or sash, especially one worn with an ecclesiastical vestment or the habit of a monk or nun.
- tr.v. cinc·tured, cinc·tur·ing, cinc·tures*
To gird; encompass.

[Latin *cīnctūra*, from *cīnctus*, past participle of *cingere*, to gird; see **kenk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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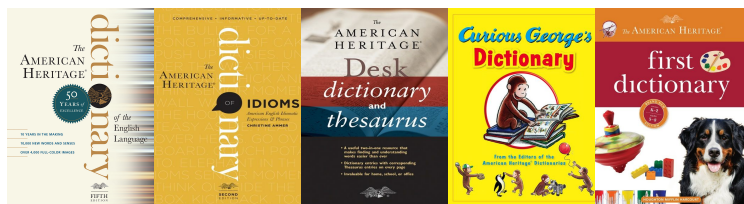
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