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quar·ry¹  (kwôr ē, kwôr ē)

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n. pl. **quar·ries**

1.

a. A hunted animal; prey.

b. Hunted animals considered as a group; game.

2. An object of pursuit: *The police lost their quarry in the crowd.*

[Middle English *querre*, entrails of a deer given to hounds as a reward, from Old French *cuiriee*, alteration (influenced by *cuir*, skin) of *coree*, from Vulgar Latin **corāta*, viscera, from Latin *cor*, heart; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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quar·ry²  (kwôr ē, kwôr ē)

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n. pl. **quar·ries**

1. An open excavation or pit from which stone is obtained by digging, cutting, or blasting.

2. A rich or productive source: *found the book an indispensable quarry of information.*

tr.v. **quar·ried, quar·ry·ing, quar·ries**

1. To obtain (stone) from a quarry, as by cutting, digging, or blasting.

2. To extract (facts, for example) by long, careful searching: *finally quarried out the genealogy from hundreds of sources.*

3. To use (land) as a quarry.

[Middle English *quarey*, from Medieval Latin *quareria*, *quareia*, alteration of Old French *quarriere*, from **quarre*, cut stone, from Latin *quadrum*, square; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

quar ri·er *n.*



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marble quarry near Pucisca, Croatia

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quar·ry³  (kwôr ē, kwôr ē)

n. pl. quar-ries

1. A square or diamond shape.
2. A pane of glass having this shape.

[Variant of [QUARREL](#)².]

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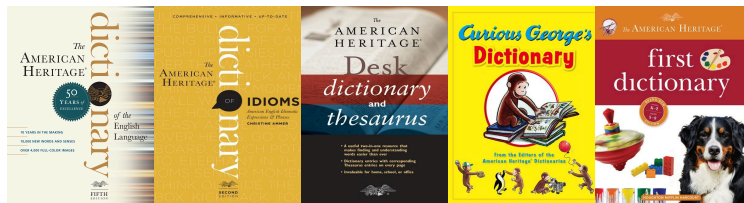
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