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**re·cord**  (rĭ-kôrd )

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**v. re·cord·ed, re·cord·ing, re·cords**

**v.tr.**

1. To set down for preservation in writing or other permanent form: *She recorded her thoughts in a diary.*
2. To register or indicate: *The clerk recorded the votes.*
3.
  - a. To render (sound or images) into permanent form for reproduction in a magnetic or electronic medium.
  - b. To record the words, sound, appearance, or performance of (someone or something): *recorded the oldest townspeople on tape; recorded the violin concerto.*

**v.intr.**

To record something.

**n. rec·ord** (rĕk ɔrd)

1.
  - a. An account, as of information or facts, set down especially in writing as a means of preserving knowledge.
  - b. Something on which such an account is based.
  - c. Something that records: *a fossil record.*
2. Information or data on a particular subject collected and preserved: *the coldest day on record.*
3. The known history of performance, activities, or achievement: *your academic record; hampered by a police record.*
4. An unsurpassed measurement: *a world record in weightlifting; a record for cold weather.*
5. *Computers* A collection of related, often adjacent items of data, treated as a unit.
6. *Law* A transcript or a collection of statements and related information reporting the proceedings of a legislative body, a court, or an executive.
7.
  - a. A disk designed to be played on a phonograph.
  - b. A musical recording that is issued on a medium of some kind.

**Idioms:**

**go on record**

To embrace a certain position publicly: *go on record in favor of the mayor's reelection.*

**off the record**

Not for publication: *The senator told the reporters that his remarks were strictly off the record.*

**on record**

Known to have been stated or to have taken a certain position: *The senator's opposition to the new legislation is on record.*

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[Middle English *recorden*, from Old French *recorder*, from Latin *recordārī*, to remember : *re-*, *re-* + *cor*, *cord-*, heart; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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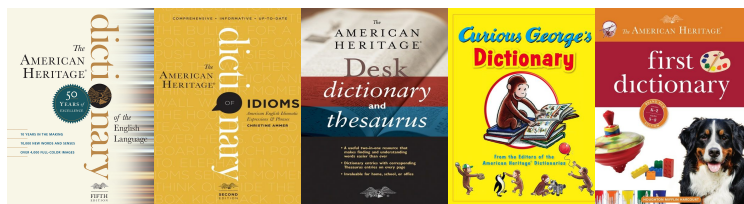
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