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- n.*
1. A usually short journey made for pleasure; an outing.
 2. A roundtrip in a passenger vehicle at a special low fare.
 3. A group taking a short pleasure trip together.
 4. A diversion or deviation from a main topic; a digression.
 5. *Physics*
 - a. A movement from and back to a mean position or axis in an oscillating or alternating motion.
 - b. The distance traversed in such a movement.

[Latin *excursiō*, *excursiōn-*, from *excursus*, past participle of *excurrere*, to run out : *ex-*, *ex-* + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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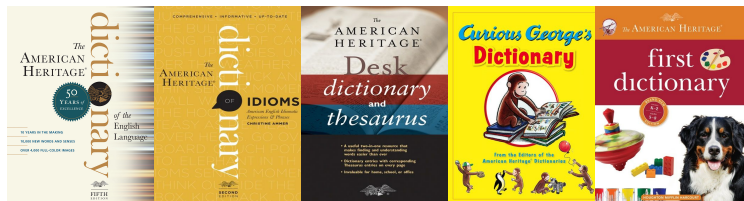
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