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v. **re·clined**, **re·clin·ing**, **re·clines**

v.*intr.*

1. To lean back or lie down on one's back.

2. To be adjustable so that the occupant may recline rather than sit up: *a seat that reclines*.

v.*tr.*

To cause to recline.

[Middle English *reclinen*, from Old French *recliner*, from Latin *reclīnāre* : *re-*, *re-* + *-clīnāre*, to bend; see **klei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

rec'li-na tion (rĕk'lə-nā shən) *n.*

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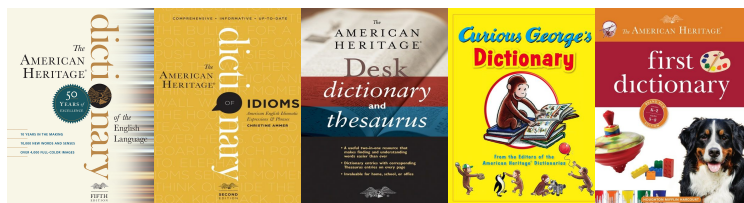
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