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1. A removable or hinged cover for a hollow receptacle or box.
2. An eyelid.
3. *Biology* A flaplike covering, such as an operculum.
4. A curb, restraint, or limit: *approved a new lid on corporate spending.*
5. *Informal* An act of concealment; a cover: *told us to keep a lid on the report until the campaign was over.*
6. *Slang* A hat.
7. *Slang* An ounce of marijuana.

[Middle English, from Old English *hlid*; see **klei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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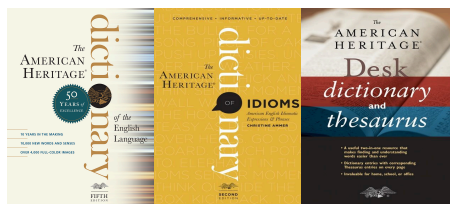
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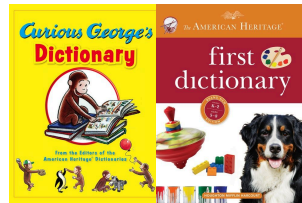
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