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list ¹ (list)

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n.

1. A series of names, words, or other items written, printed, or imagined one after the other: *a shopping list; a guest list; a list of things to do.*
2. A considerable number; a long series: *recited a list of dates memorized.*

v. **list·ed, list·ing, lists**

v.tr.

1. To make a list of; itemize: *listed his previous jobs.*
2. To enter in a list; register: *listed each item received.*
3. To put (oneself) in a specific category: *lists herself as an artist.*
4. *Archaic* To recruit.

v.intr.

1. To have a stated list price: *a radio that lists for ten dollars over the sale price.*
2. *Archaic* To enlist in the armed forces.

[French *liste*, from Old French, from Old Italian *lista*, of Germanic origin.]

list *er n.*

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list ² (list)

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n.

1.
 - a. A narrow strip, especially of wood.
 - b. *Architecture* See [listel](#).
 - c. A border or selvage of cloth.
2. A stripe or band of color.
3.
 - a. often **lists** An arena for jousting tournaments or other contests.
 - b. A place of combat.
 - c. An area of controversy.
4. A ridge thrown up between two furrows by a lister in plowing.
5. *Obsolete* A boundary; a border.

tr.v. **list·ed, list·ing, lists**

1. To cover, line, or edge with list.
2. To cut a thin strip from the edge of.
3. To furrow or plant (land) with a lister.

[Middle English, from Old English *līste*.]

list ³  (list)

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n.

An inclination to one side, as of a ship; a tilt.

intr. & tr.v. **list·ed, list·ing, lists**

To lean or cause to lean to the side: *The damaged ship listed badly to starboard. Erosion first listed, then toppled the spruce tree.*

[Origin unknown.]

list ⁴  (list)

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intr. & tr.v. **list·ed, list·ing, lists**

Archaic

To listen or listen to.

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

list ⁵  (list) *Archaic*

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v. **list·ed, list·ing, lists**

v.tr.

To be pleasing to; suit.

v.intr.

To be disposed; choose.

n.

A desire or inclination.

[Middle English *listen*, to desire, please, from Old English *lystan*; see **las-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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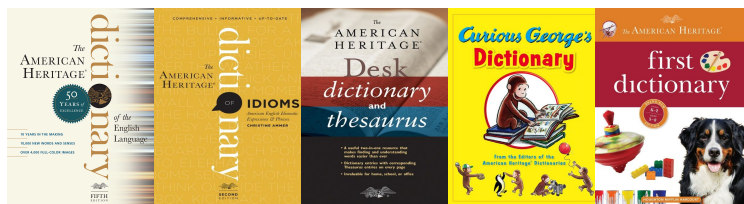
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