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his  (hɪz)

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*adj.* The possessive form of [he](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Used as a modifier before a noun: *his boots*; *his plans*.

*pron.* (used with a sing. or pl. verb)

Used to indicate the one or ones belonging to him: *If you can't find your hat, take his.*

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

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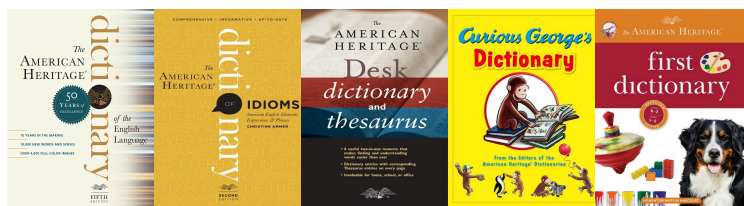
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