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**her**  (hər, ər; hûr *when stressed*)

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*adj.* The possessive form of [she](#).

Used as a modifier before a noun: *her boots; her accomplishments.*

*pron.* The objective case of **she**.

1. Used as the direct object of a verb: *They saw her at the conference.*

2. Used as the indirect object of a verb: *They gave her a round of applause.*

3. Used as the object of a preposition: *This letter is addressed to her.*

4. *Informal* Used as a predicate nominative: *It's her.*

5. *Nonstandard* Used reflexively as the indirect object of a verb: *She got her a new job.* See Note at [me](#).

6. *Slang* Used in place of *it*, especially in set expressions: *That about does her. Let her rip.*

*n.*

A female: *The dog is a her.* See Usage Notes at [be](#), 1<sup>1</sup>.

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

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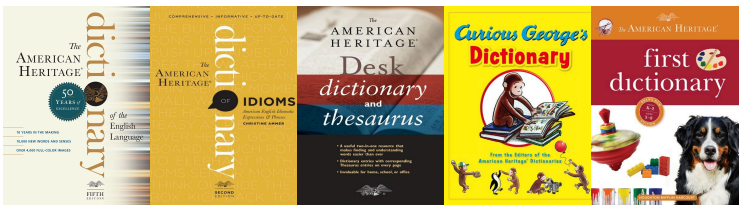
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