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adj. hap·pi·er, hap·pi·est

1. Enjoying, showing, or marked by pleasure, satisfaction, or joy: *a happy child; the happiest day of my life*. See Synonyms at [glad](#).
2. Cheerful; willing: *happy to help*.
3. Characterized by good luck: *a happy sequence of events*. See Synonyms at [fortunate](#).
4. Being especially well-adapted; felicitous: *a happy turn of phrase*.
5.
 - a. Characterized by a spontaneous or obsessive inclination to use something. Often used in combination: *trigger-happy*.
 - b. Enthusiastic about or involved with to a disproportionate degree. Often used in combination: *money-happy; clothes-happy*.

[Middle English, from *hap*, luck; see [HAP](#).]

hap pi·ly *adv.*

hap pi·ness *n.*

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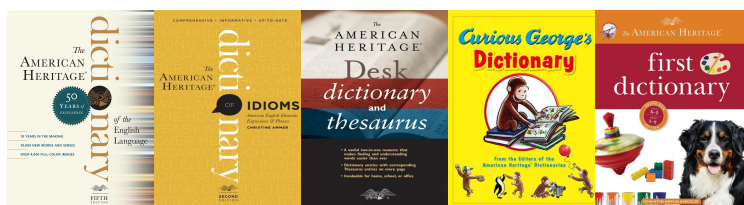
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