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n.

1. A sheltered part of a body of water deep enough to provide anchorage for ships.
2. A place of shelter; a refuge.

tr.v. **har·bored**, **har·bor·ing**, **har·bors**

1. To give shelter to: *harbor refugees; harbor a fugitive.*
2. To provide a place, home, or habitat for: *a basement that harbors a maze of pipes; streams that harbor trout and bass.*
3. To entertain or nourish (a specified thought or feeling): *harbor a grudge.*

[Middle English *herberwe*, probably from Old English *herebeorg*, lodging; see **koro-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

har bor·er *n.*



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harbor

harbor at Avalon on
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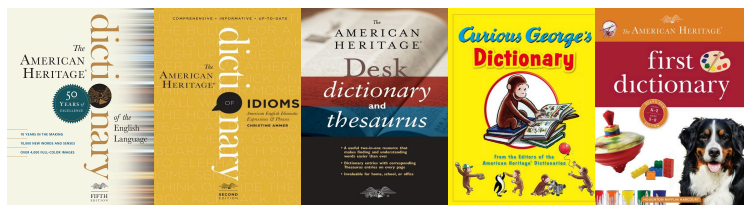
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