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n.

One that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a forerunner.

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To signal the approach of; presage.

[Middle English *herbengar*, person sent ahead to arrange lodgings, from Old French *herbergeor*, from *herbergier*, to provide lodging for, from *herberge*, lodging, of Germanic origin; see **koro-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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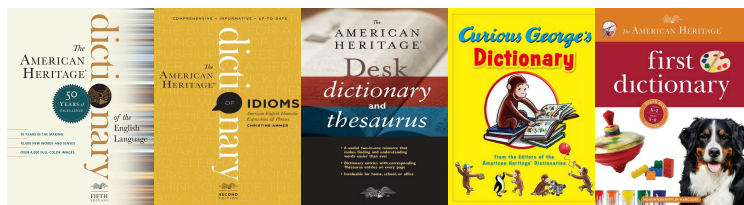
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