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1. Distance; distant: *telesthesia*.

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a. Telegraph: *telegram*.

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[Greek *tēle-*, from *tēle*, far off; see **k^wel-**² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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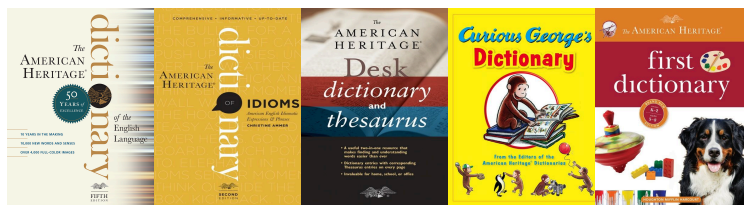
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