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n.

1.

a. A drawing medium of dried paste made of ground pigments and a water-based binder that is manufactured in crayon form.

b. A crayon of this material.

2.

a. A picture or sketch drawn with this type of crayon.

b. The art or process of drawing with pastels.

3. A soft delicate hue; a pale color: *a room done all in pastels.*

4. A sketchy or brief prose work.

adj.

1. Of, relating to, or made of pastel.

2. Pale and soft in color.

[French, from Italian *pastello*, material made into a paste, from Late Latin *pastellus*, woad dye, diminutive of *pasta*, paste; see [PASTE](#)¹.]



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pastel

Mother and Child

by Mary Cassatt

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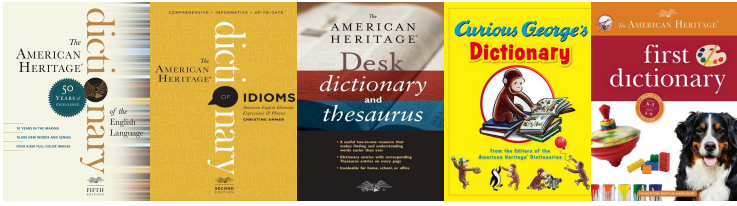
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