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1. A small rounded, flattened cake of food, especially one made from ingredients that have been previously ground, chopped, or minced: *a hamburger patty; a peppermint patty.*
2. A patty shell.
3. A small pie; a pasty.

[French *pâté*, *pâté*; see [Pâté](#).]

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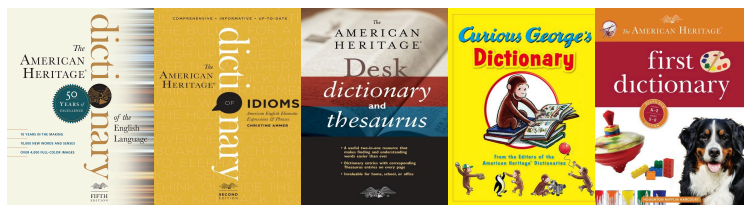
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