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n.

A stanza or poem of four lines.

[French, from Old French, from *quatre*, four, from Latin *quattuor*; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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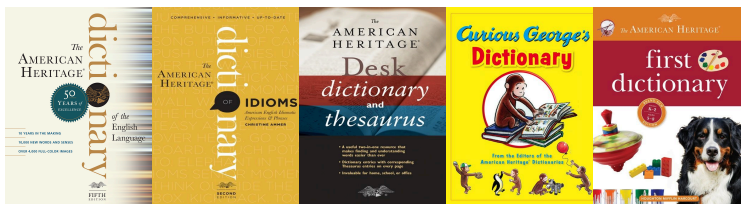
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