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n.

1. *Games*

a. A long tapered stick with a leather tip used to strike the cue ball in billiards and pool.

b. A long stick with a concave attachment at one end for shoving disks in shuffleboard.

2. *Nonstandard* Variant of [queue](#).

tr.v. cued, cu·ing, cues

1. *Games* To strike (a ball) with a cue.

2. *Nonstandard* Variant of [queue](#).

[French *queue*, tail, billiards cue (in the latter sense perhaps originally referring to the narrow leather-tipped end, or "tail," of the cue); see [QUEUE](#).]



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cue¹

shooting pool

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n.

1. A signal, such as a word or action, used to prompt another event in a performance, such as an actor's speech or entrance, a change in lighting, or a sound effect.

2.

a. A reminder or prompting.

b. A hint or suggestion.

3. *Music*

a. An extract from the music for another part printed, usually in smaller notes, within a performer's part as a signal to enter after a long rest.

b. A gesture by a conductor signaling the entrance of a performer or part.

4. *Psychology* A stimulus, either consciously or unconsciously perceived, that elicits or signals a type of behavior.

5. *Archaic* One's assigned role or function.

6. *Archaic* A mood; a disposition.

tr.v. cued, cu·ing, cues

1. To give a cue to; signal or prompt.

2. To insert into the sequence of a performance: *cued the lights for the monologue scene*.

3. To position (an audio or video recording) in readiness for playing: *cue up a record on the turntable*.

Phrasal Verb:
cue in

To give information or instructions to, as to a latecomer.

[Perhaps from *q*, *qu*, abbreviation of Latin *quandō*, when, used for actors' copies of plays; see **k^{wo}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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The letter *q*.

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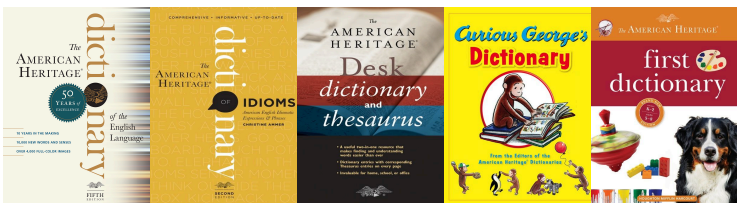
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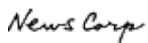
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