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n.

1.

a. A domestic dog of any of various breeds commonly used for hunting, characteristically having drooping ears, a short coat, and a deep resonant voice.

b. A dog.

2. A contemptible person; a scoundrel.

3.

a. One who eagerly pursues something: *a gossip hound*.

b. A devotee or an enthusiast: *a coffee hound*.

tr.v. **hound·ed**, **hound·ing**, **hounds**

1. To pursue relentlessly and tenaciously: *The suspect was hounded by the police for weeks*.

2.

a. To make repeated demands of or subject to persistent criticism: *Her parents hounded her until she agreed to look for a better job*. See Synonyms at [harass](#).

b. To pressure or force from a place or situation: *accusations that hounded him out of office*.

[Middle English, from Old English *hund*; see **kwon-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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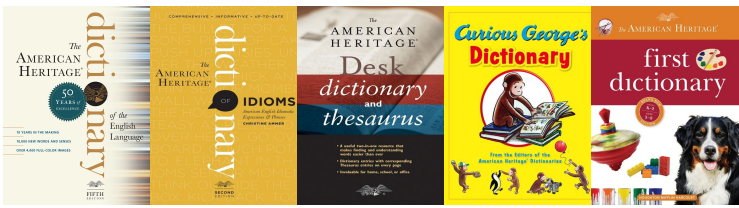
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