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lust  (lŭst)

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n.

1. Intense sexual desire.

2.

a. An overwhelming desire or craving: *a lust for power.*

b. Intense eagerness or enthusiasm: *a lust for life.*

3. *Obsolete* Pleasure; relish.

intr.v. **lust·ed**, **lust·ing**, **lusts**

To have an intense desire, especially one that is sexual.

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

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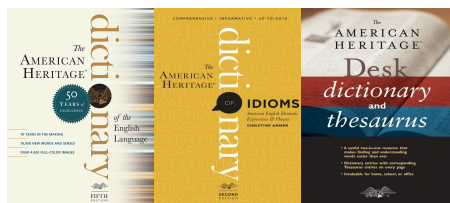
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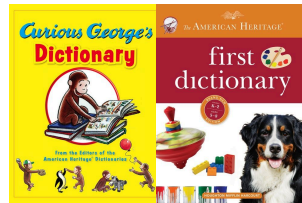
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