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n.

A reward; recompense.

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To reward.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *widerdōnum*, alteration (influenced by Latin *dōnum*, gift) of Old High German *widarlōn* : *widar*, back, against; see **wi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *lōn*, reward; see **lau-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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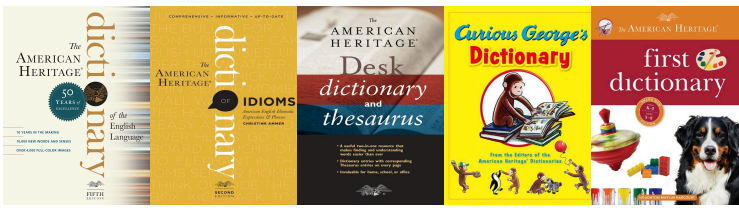
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