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sus·pend  (sə-spěnd□)

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v. sus·pend·ed, sus·pend·ing, sus·pends

v.tr.

1. To bar for a period from a privilege, office, or position, usually as a punishment: *suspend a student from school.*

2. To cause to stop for a period; interrupt: *suspended the trial.*

3.

a. To hold in abeyance; defer: *suspend judgment.* See Synonyms at [defer](#)¹.

b. To render temporarily ineffective: *suspend a jail sentence; suspend all parking regulations.*

4. *Music* To hold or prolong (a note or notes) in suspension.

5.

a. To hang so as to allow free movement: *suspended the mobile from the ceiling.*

b. To support or keep from falling without apparent attachment, as by buoyancy: *The manatee is suspended in the water.*

c. *Chemistry* To disperse or put (particles, for example) in suspension.

v.intr.

1. To cease for a period; delay.

2. To fail to make payments or meet obligations.

Idiom:

suspend disbelief

To accept as plausible something one knows to be untrue, especially the setting and plot of a drama or fiction so as to allow the appreciation of art.

[Middle English *suspenden*, from Old French *suspendre*, from Latin *suspendere* : *sub-*, from below; see [SUB-](#) + *pendere*, to hang; see **(s)pen-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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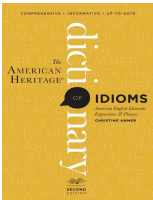
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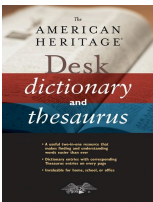
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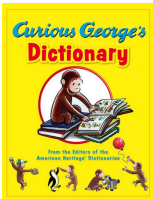
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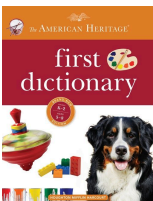
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