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adj.

1. Of, relating to, being, or affecting only a part; not total; incomplete: *The plan calls for partial deployment of missiles. The police have only a partial description of the suspect.*
2. Favoring one person or side over another or others; biased or prejudiced: *a decision that was partial to the plaintiff.*
3. Having a particular liking or fondness for something or someone: *partial to spicy food.*
4. *Mathematics* Of or being operations or sequences of operations, such as differentiation and integration, when applied to only one of several variables at a time.

n.

1. *Music* See [harmonic](#).
2. *Mathematics* A partial derivative.

[Middle English *parcial*, from Old French, from Late Latin *partiālis*, from Latin *pars*, *part-*, part; see [PART](#).]

par-tial-ness *n.*

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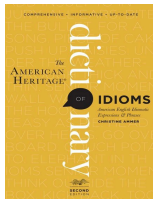
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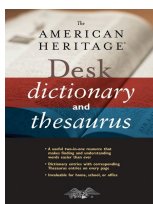
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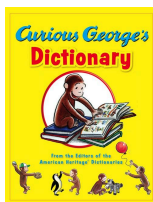
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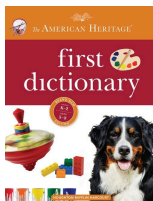
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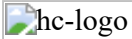
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