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## lodg·ing (lōj ɪŋ)

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n.

1. A place to live: found lodging near her new job.
2. often lodgings Sleeping accommodations: We found the lodgings on the tour rather primitive.
3. lodgings Furnished rooms in another's house rented for accommodation.

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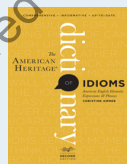
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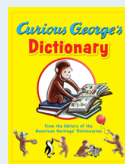
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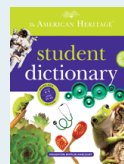
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