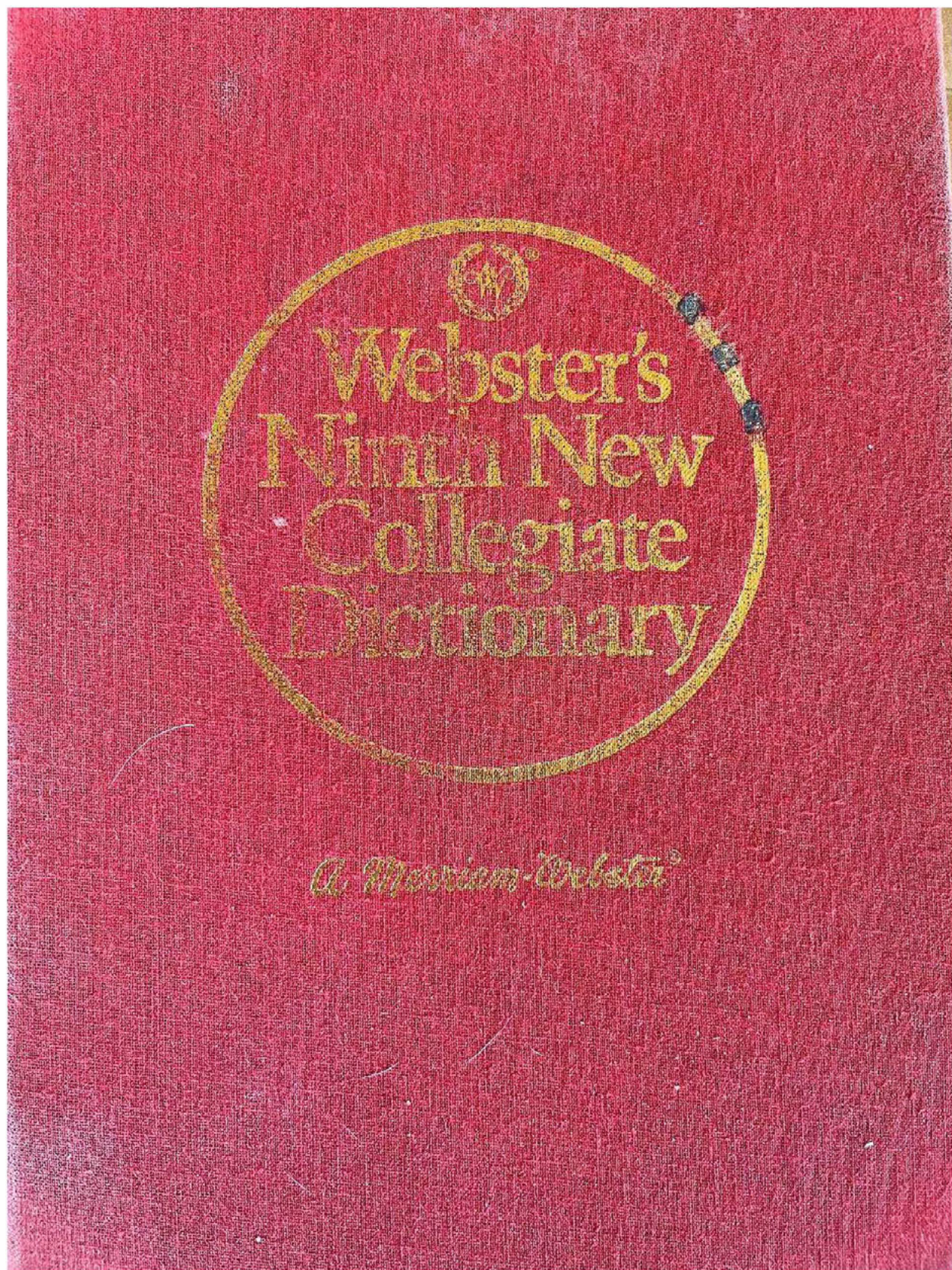




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Surface

sur·face \ˈsər-fəs\ *n* [F, fr. *sur-* + *face* face, fr. OF — more at FACE] (ca. 1611) **1** : the exterior or upper boundary of an object or body **2** : a plane or curved two-dimensional locus of points (as the boundary of a three-dimensional region) ⟨plane ~⟩ ⟨~ of a sphere⟩ **3 a** : the external or superficial aspect of something **b** : an external part or layer ⟨sand down the damaged ~⟩ — **on the surface** : to all outward appearances

Height

heif-er \ˈhef-ər\ *n* [ME *hayfare*, fr. OE *hēahfore*] (bef. 12c) : a young cow; *esp* : one that has not had a calf
heigh-ho \ˈhī-ˈhō, ˈhā-\ *interj* (1553) — used typically to express boredom, weariness, or sadness or sometimes as a cry of encouragement
height \ˈhīt, ˈhītth\ *n* [ME *heighthe*, fr. OE *hiehthu*; akin to OHG *hōhida* height, OE *hēah* high] (bef. 12c) **1 a** : the highest part : SUMMIT **b**

: highest or most advanced point : ZENITH ⟨at the ~ of his powers⟩ **2 a** : the distance from the bottom to the top of something standing upright **b** : the extent of elevation above a level **3** : the condition of being tall or high **4 a** : an extent of land rising to a considerable degree above the surrounding country **b** : a high point or position **5 obs** : an advanced social rank **6** : degree of geographical latitude
syn HEIGHT, ALTITUDE, ELEVATION mean vertical distance either between the top and bottom of something or between a base and something above it. HEIGHT refers to something measured vertically whether high or low ⟨a wall two meters in *height*⟩ ALTITUDE and ELEVATION apply to height as measured by angular measurement or atmospheric pressure; ALTITUDE is preferable when referring to vertical distance above the surface of the earth or above sea level; ELEVATION is used *esp.* in reference to vertical height on land ⟨fly at an *altitude* of 10,000 meters⟩ ⟨Denver is a city with a high *elevation*⟩