Dictionary Skills

Guide Words

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<th>hair-cut [hārˈkut] n. The act or style of cutting hair.</th>
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<td>hairy [hārˈe] adj. Covered with hair; having a lot of hair covering the body.</td>
<td>halfway [haˈfwaɪ] adv. 1 Half the distance; midway: we climbed halfway up the mountain.</td>
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<td>half [haf] 1 n. One of two equal parts of something. 2 n. Either of two time periods in certain sports. 3 adv. Not completely; partly: I was half asleep.</td>
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<td>hand [hand] n. 1 The end part of the arm; below the wrist. It is made up of the palm, four fingers, and a thumb. 2 Anything like a hand in shape or use: the hands of the clock pointed to three o’clock. 3 hands Control or possession: he is in enemy hands. 4 To give a turn over: he hands over</td>
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<td>ham-ster [hamˈster] n. An animal that is like a mouse. It has a plump body, a short tail, and large cheek pouches. A hamster is a rodent.</td>
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