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Any of various omnivorous burrowing mammals of the family Dasypodidae, native to southern North America and Central and South America and characterized by an armorlike covering consisting of jointed bony plates.

[Spanish, diminutive of *armado*, armored, past participle of *armar*, to arm, from Latin *armāre*, from *arma*, arms; see [ar-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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armadillo

larger hairy armadillo

Chaetophractus villosus

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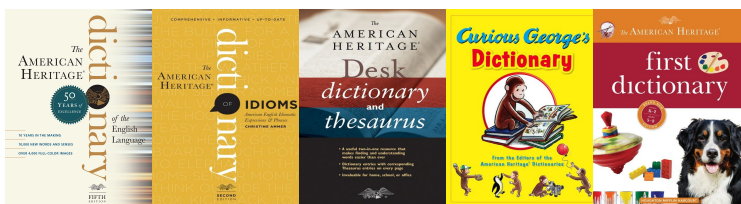
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