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adj.

Having a harsh, unpleasant sound; discordant.

[From Greek *kakophōnos* : *kakos*, bad; see **kakka-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *phōnē*, sound; see **bhā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ca·coph o·nous·ly *adv.*

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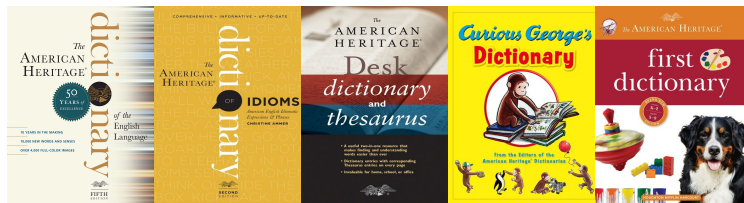
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