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adj.

1. Of or relating to phlegm; phlegmy.

2.

a. Having or suggesting a calm, sluggish temperament; unemotional or apathetic.

b. *Archaic* Having phlegm as the dominant humor in terms of medieval physiology.

[Middle English *fleumatik*, from Old French *fleumatique*, from Late Latin *phlegmaticus*, full of phlegm, from Greek *phlegmatikos*, from *phlegma*, *phlegmat-*, heat, the humor phlegm, from *phlegein*, to burn; see *bhel-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

phleg·mat i·cal·ly *adv.*

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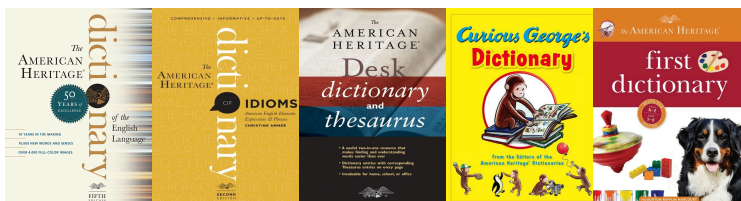
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