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boul·der also **bowl·der**  (bōl dər)

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n.
A large rounded mass of rock lying on the surface of the ground or embedded in the soil.

[Middle English *bulder*, of Scandinavian origin; see **bhel-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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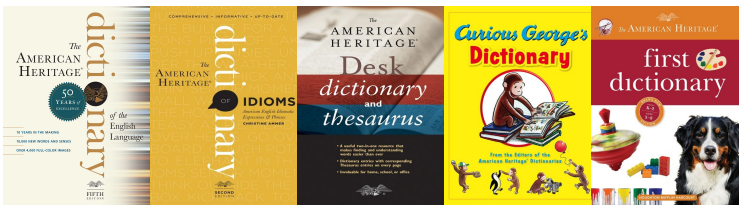
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