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**fu·run·cle**  (fy ˈr ʊŋˈkəl)

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[Latin *fūrunculus*, knob on a vine that "steals" the sap, diminutive of *fūr*, thief (modeled on *latrunculus*, robber, diminutive of *latrō*, *latrōn*-, bandit); see **bher**-<sup>1</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

**fu·run cu·lar** (fy ˈrʊŋ kyəˈlər), **fu·run cu·lous** (-ləs) *adj.*

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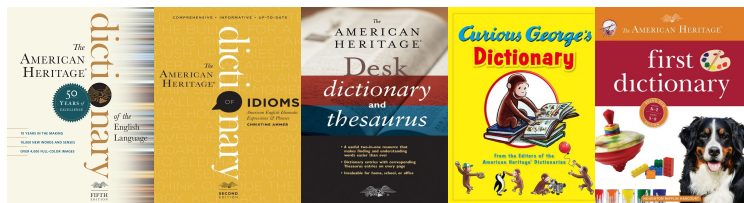
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