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n. pl. **am·pho·rae** (-fə-rē') or **am·pho·ras**

A two-handled jar with a narrow neck used by the ancient Greeks and Romans to carry wine or oil.

[Middle English, from Latin, from Greek *amphoreus*, short for *amphiphoreus* : *amphi-*, *amphi-* + *phoreus*, bearer (from *pherein*, to bear; see **bher-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

am pho·ral *adj.*



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amphora

c. 530 BC black-figure amphora by Exekias

(active 550-520 bc)

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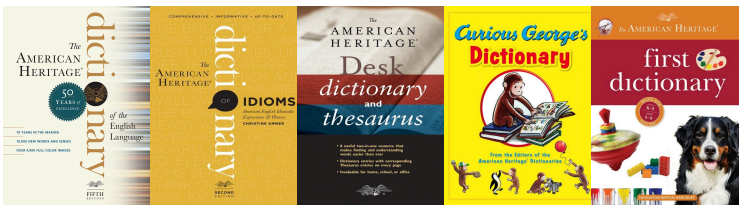
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