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n.

A chemical secreted by an animal, especially an insect, that influences the behavior or physiology of others of the same species, as by attracting members of the opposite sex or marking the route to a food source.

[Greek *pherein*, to carry; see **bher-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [\(HOR\)MONE](#).]

pher'o·mon *al adj.*

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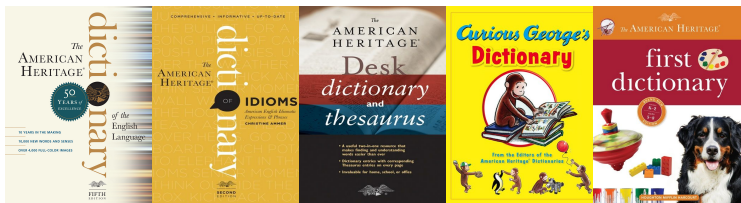
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