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n.

1. A massive floating body of ice broken away from a glacier. Only about 10 percent of its mass is above the surface of the water.
2. *Informal* A cold, aloof person.

[Partial translation of Dutch *ijsberg*, from Middle Dutch *ijsbergh* : *ijs*, ice + *bergh*, mountain; see **bhergh**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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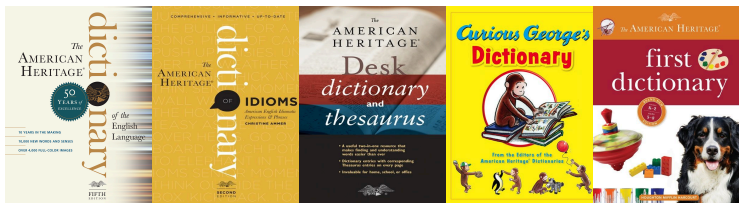
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