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n. pl. **a·poph·y·ses** (-sēz')

1. *Anatomy* A natural swelling, projection, or outgrowth of an organ or part, such as the process of a vertebra.
2. *Geology* A branch from a dike or vein.

[New Latin, from Greek *apophusis*, from *apophuein*, to send out branches : *apo-*, *apo-* + *phuein*, to grow; see **bheua-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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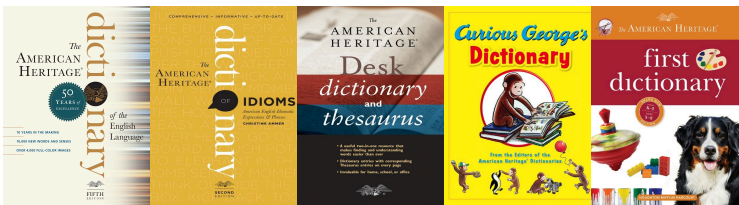
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