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n.

A glazed, ring-shaped roll with a tough, chewy texture, made from plain yeast dough that is dropped briefly into nearly boiling water and then baked.

[Yiddish *beygl*, from Middle High German **böugel*, diminutive of *bouc*, ring, from Old High German *boug*; see **bheug-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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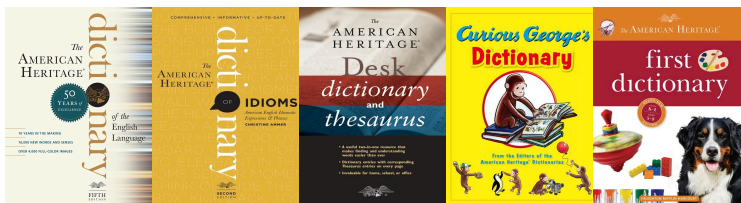
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