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1.

a. Anatomy Any of various distensible membranous sacs, such as the urinary bladder or the swim bladder, that serve as receptacles for fluid or gas.

b. Medicine A blister, pustule, or cyst filled with fluid or air; a vesicle.

c. An item resembling one of the membranous sacs in animals: *the bladder of a buoyancy compensator.*

2. Botany Any of various hollow or inflated saclike organs or structures, such as the floats of certain seaweeds or the specialized traps of bladderworts.

[Middle English *bladdre*, from Old English *blædre*; see **bhlē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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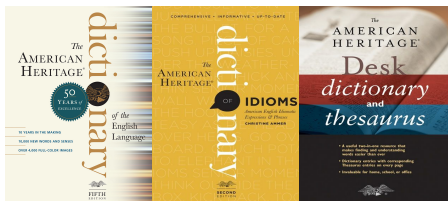
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