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1. A narrow gorge, usually with a stream flowing through it.
2. An open artificial channel or chute carrying a stream of water, as for furnishing power or conveying logs.
3. A very small swimming pool designed with a propeller or pump to generate a current, allowing a swimmer to swim in place.

[Middle English *flum*, river, from Old French, from Latin *flūmen*, from *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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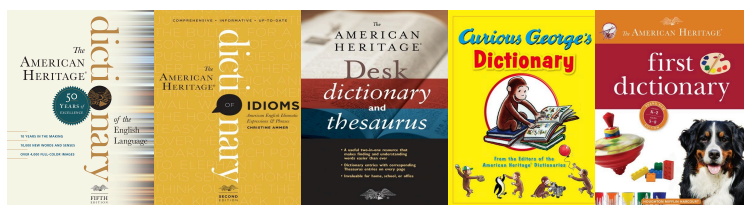
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