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n.

Rock composed of sharp-angled fragments embedded in a fine-grained matrix.

[Italian, of Germanic origin; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]



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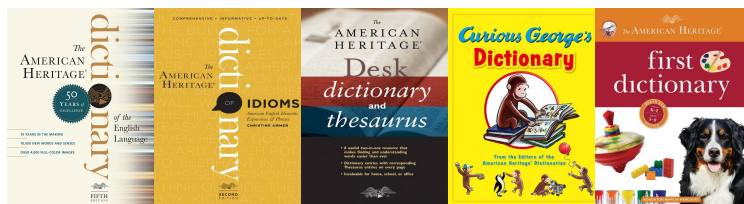
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