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[Latin, hundred (a word whose initial sound in classical Latin illustrates the preservation of the Indo-European palatal velar as a velar *k*); see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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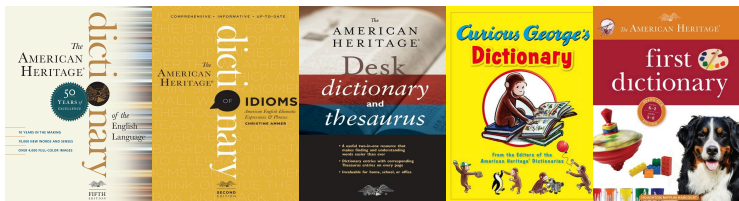
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