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*n.*

*Chiefly British*

A dark, fine-grained igneous rock; diabase.

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[French *dolérite*, from Greek *doleros*, deceitful (from its easily being mistaken for diorite), from *dolos*, trick; see **del-**<sup>2</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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**dol'er·it ic** (ə-rīt ĭk) *adj.*

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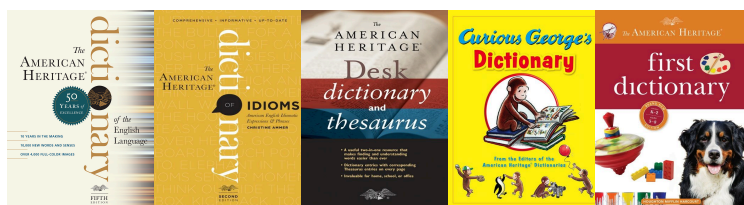
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