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n.

A gray to brownish-black band in bituminous coal, characterized by a granular fracture and a dull luster.

[Latin *dūrus*, hard; see **deru-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + (FUS)AIN.]

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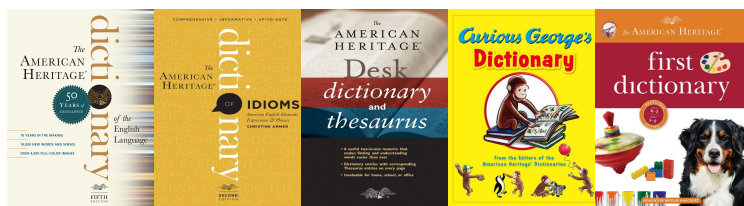
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