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n.

A straplike structure, such as the long flattened lobe of the corolla of a ray flower or a membranous or hairy appendage between the sheath and blade of a grass leaf.

[Latin *ligula*, diminutive of *lingua*, tongue; see **d ghū-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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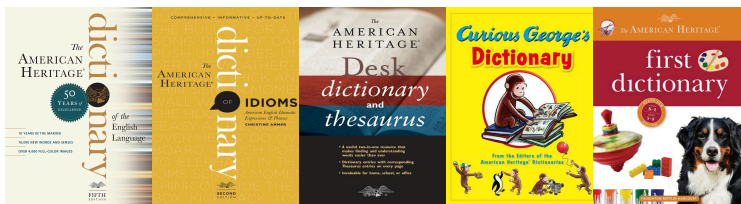
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