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1. A small cake of shortened bread leavened with baking powder or soda.
2. *Chiefly British*
 - a. A thin, crisp cracker.
 - b. A cookie.
3. A hard, dry cracker given to dogs as a treat or dietary supplement.
4. A thin, often oblong, waferlike piece of wood, glued into slots to connect larger pieces of wood in a joint.
5. A pale brown.
6. *pl. biscuit* Clay that has been fired once but not glazed. Also called *bisque*².

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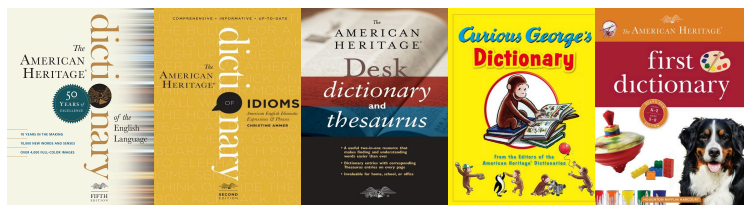
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