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n.

Any of various small terrestrial orchids of the genera *Liparis* and *Listera*, having usually two basal leaves and a terminal cluster of greenish or purplish flowers.

[Obsolete *tway*, two (short for Middle English *twaine*; see [TWIN](#)) + [BLADE](#) (translation of Medieval Latin *bifolium*, two-leaf).]

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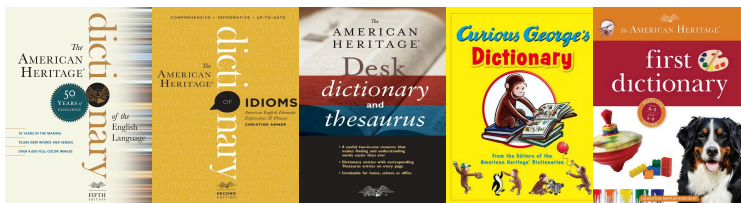
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