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The alphabet in which Sanskrit and many modern Indian languages are written. Also called *Nagari*.

[Sanskrit *devanāgarī*, royal city writing (from its supposedly having been invented in Pataliputra, a royal city in India) : *deva*-, divine, royal; see **dyeu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *nāgarī*, feminine of *nāgara*-, of a city (from *nagaram*, city, probably of Dravidian origin).]

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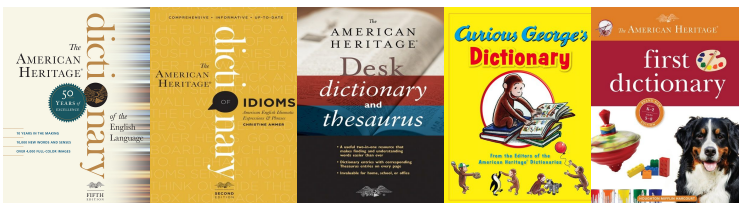
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