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n. pl. **com·e·dos** or **com·e·do·nes** (-dŏ nēz)

The primary lesion of acne vulgaris, consisting of a hair follicle that is occluded with sebum and keratin; a blackhead or whitehead.

[Latin *comedō*, glutton (from a comparison of the wormlike shape of the waxy material that can be squeezed from a blackhead to a worm believed to feed on the body), from *comedere*, to eat up : *com-*, intensive pref.; see [COM-](#) + *edere*, to eat; see **ed-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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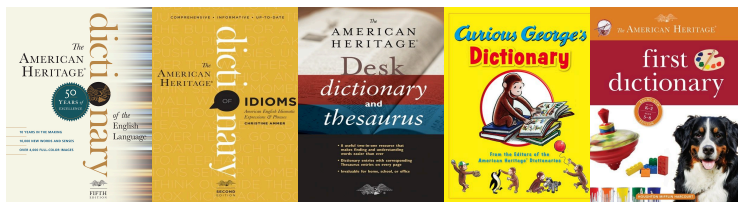
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