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n. often **intestines**

The portion of the digestive tract extending from the stomach to the anus and, in humans and other mammals, consisting of two segments, the small intestine and the large intestine.

adj.

Internal; civil: *the intestine affairs of the nation.*

[Middle English, from Old French *intestin*, from Latin *intestina*, intestines, from neuter pl. of *intestinus*, internal, from *intus*, within; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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intestine

- A. stomach
- B. large intestine
- C. small intestine
- D. rectum
- E. anus
- F. appendix
- G. cecum

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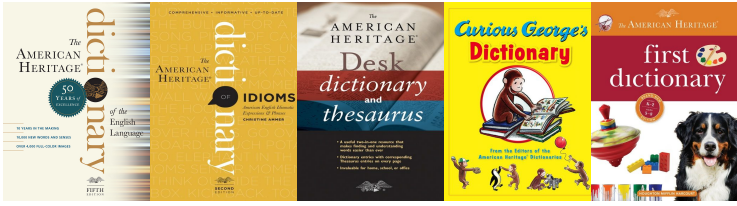
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