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pl.n.

The cast-off skins or coverings of various organisms, such as the shells of crabs or the external coverings of the larvae and nymphs of insects.

[Latin, from *exuere*, to take off; see **eu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ex·u vi·al (-vĕ-əl) *adj.*



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exuviae

a newly emerged cicada with its brown exuviae

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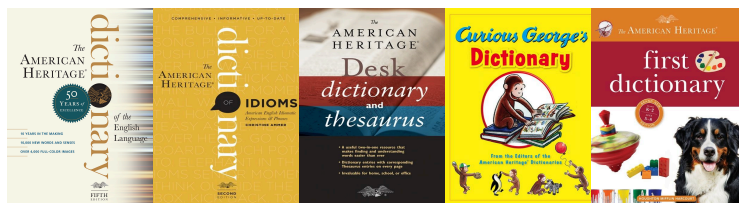
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