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glacial  (glā shəl)

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adj.

1.
 - a. Of, relating to, or produced by a glacier.
 - b. Extremely slow, like the movement of a glacier: *Work proceeded at a glacial pace.*
2.
 - a. often **Glacial** Characterized or dominated by the existence of glaciers. Used of a geologic epoch.
 - b. Pleistocene. See Table at [geologic time](#).
3. Extremely cold; icy: *a glacial rain*. See Synonyms at [cold](#).
4. Having the appearance of ice.
5.
 - a. Lacking warmth and friendliness: *a glacial stare*.
 - b. Coldly detached: *a glacial composure*.

[French, from Old French, icy, from Latin *glaciālis*, from *glaciēs*, ice; see **gel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

glacially *adv.*

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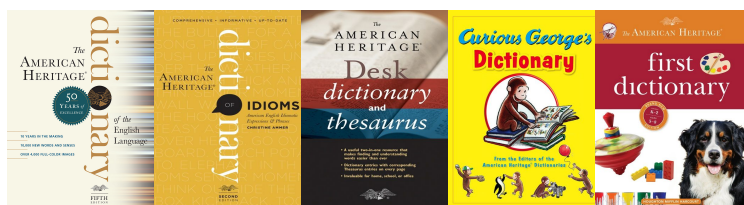
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