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n.

A reproductive cell having the haploid number of chromosomes, especially a mature sperm or egg capable of fusing with a gamete of the opposite sex to produce a zygote.

[New Latin *gameta*, from Greek *gametē*, wife and *gametēs*, husband, from *gamein*, to marry, from *gamos*, marriage; see **gam-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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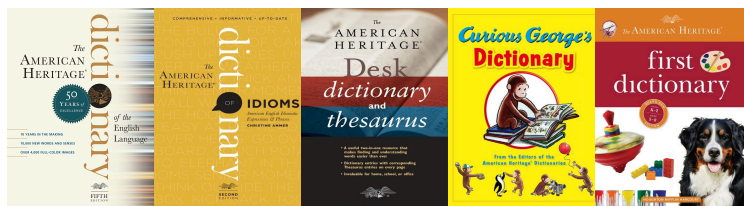
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