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adj.

1. also **het·er·og·e·nous** (hĕt'ə-rŏj ə-nəs) Consisting of dissimilar elements or parts; not homogeneous. See Synonyms at [miscellaneous](#).

2. Xenogeneic.

[From Medieval Latin *heterogeneous*, from Greek *heterogenēs* : *hetero-*, hetero- + *genos*, kind, race; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

het·er·o·ge ne·ous·ly *adv.*

het·er·o·ge ne·ous·ness *n.*

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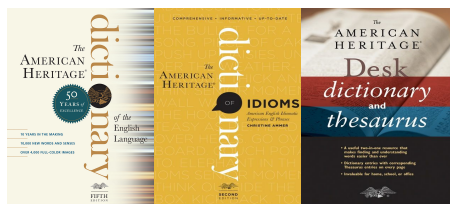
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