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n. pl. ar·che·go·ni·a (-nē-ə)

A multicellular, often flask-shaped, egg-producing organ occurring in mosses, liverworts, ferns, and most gymnosperms.

[New Latin, from Greek *arkhegonos*, original : *arkhe-*, *arkhi-*, *archi-* + *gonos*, offspring; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ar'che·go ni·al *adj.*

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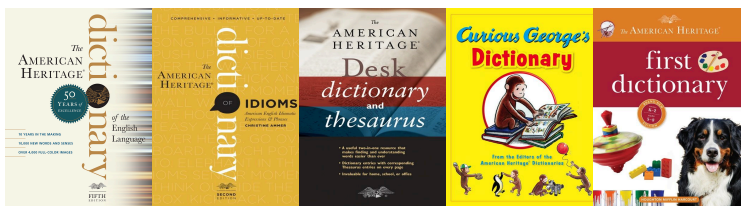
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