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adj.

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2. Tending to move in or form a group with others of the same kind: *gregarious bird species*.
3. *Botany* Growing in groups that are close together but not densely clustered or matted.

[Latin *gregārius*, belonging to a flock, from *grex*, *greg-*, flock; see **ger-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

gre·gar i·ous·ly *adv.*

gre·gar i·ous·ness *n.*

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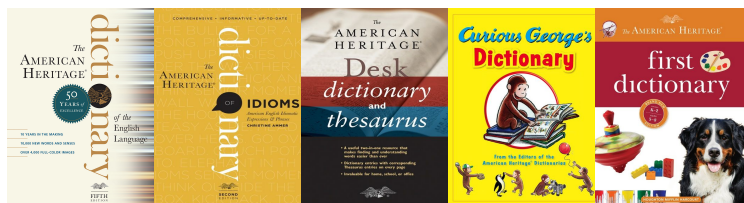
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