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n.

1. Anger; irritability.

2.

a. One of the four humors of ancient and medieval physiology, thought to cause anger and bad temper when present in excess; yellow bile.

b. *Obsolete* The quality and condition of being bilious.

[Middle English *colre*, from Old French, from Latin *cholera*, cholera, jaundice, from Greek *kholera*, from *kholē*, bile; see **ghel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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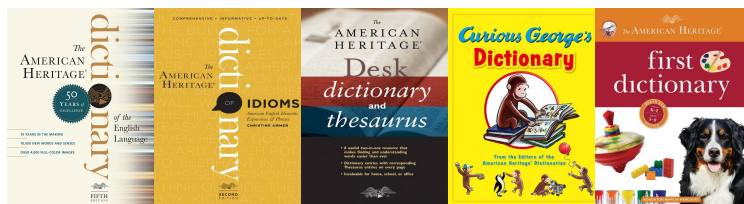
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