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n.

1. An acute infectious disease of the small intestine, caused by the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae* and characterized by profuse watery diarrhea, vomiting, muscle cramps, severe dehydration, and depletion of electrolytes. Also called *Asiatic cholera*.
2. Either of two unrelated diseases of domestic animals, fowl cholera or classical swine fever (hog cholera), that are often marked by severe diarrhea.

[Latin, cholera, jaundice; see [CHOLER](#).]

chol'e·ra ic (-ə-rā ĭk) *adj.*

chol e·roid' (-ə-roïd') *adj.*

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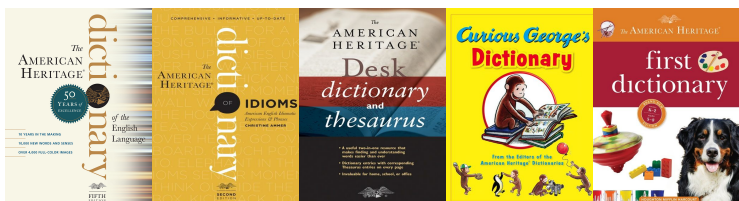
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