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- n.*
1. A small brownish bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) of Eurasia and Africa, eaten as a delicacy.
 2. Any of several American birds, such as the bobolink and the sora.

[French, from Provençal, gardener, ortolan, from Latin *hortulānus*, from *hortulus*, diminutive of *hortus*, garden; see [gher-1](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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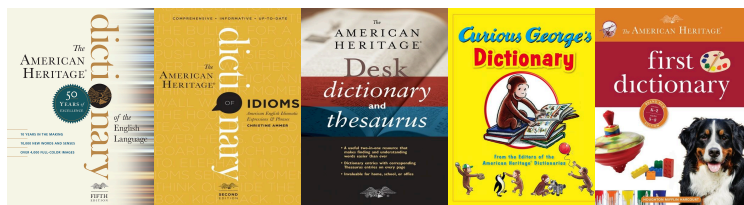
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