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n.

One of a layer of flagellated cells lining the body cavity of a sponge and characterized by a collar of cytoplasm surrounding the flagellum. Also called *collar cell*.

[Greek *khoanē*, funnel (from *khein*, to pour; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + **-CYTE**.]

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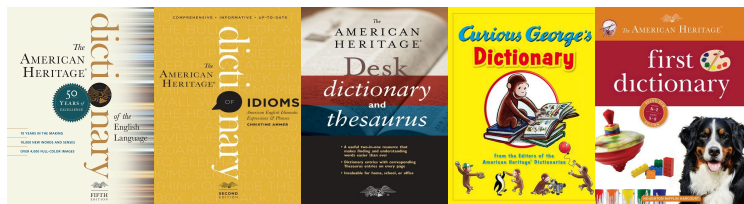
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