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adj.

Not contaminated by or associated with any other living organisms. Usually used in reference to pure cultures of microorganisms that are completely free of the presence of other organisms.

[A-¹ + Greek *xenikos*, foreign (from *xenos*, stranger; see **ghos-ti-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

a·xen i·cal·ly *adv.*

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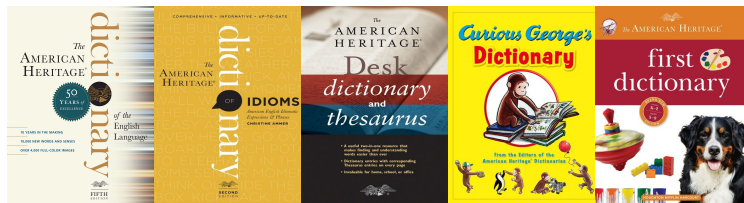
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