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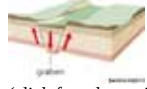
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n.

A usually elongated depression between geologic faults.

[German *Graben*, from Middle High German *grabe*, trench, from Old High German *grabo*, from *graban*, to dig; see [ghrebh-](#)² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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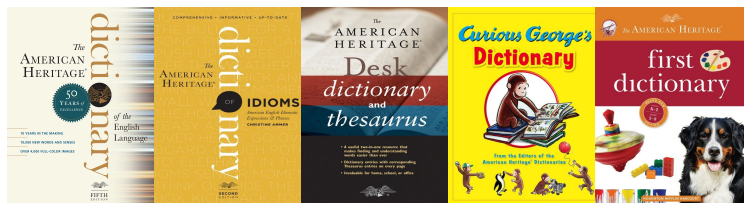
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