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adj.

1.

a. Having returned to an untamed state from domestication: *a pack of feral dogs*.

b. Existing in a wild or untamed state.

2. Of or suggestive of a wild animal; savage: *a feral grin*.

[From Latin *fera*, wild animal, from *ferus*, wild; see **ghwer-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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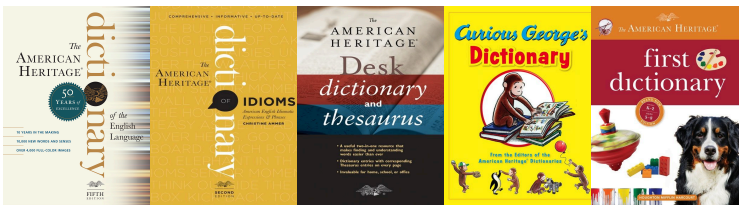
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