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ig·no·rant  (ĩg nər-ənt)

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adj.

1. Lacking education or knowledge.
2. Showing or arising from a lack of education or knowledge: *an ignorant mistake.*
3. Unaware or uninformed: *was ignorant of the drug's harmful effects.*

[Middle English *ignoraunt*, from Old French *ignorant*, from Latin *ignōrāns*, *ignōrant-*, present participle of *ignōrāre*, to be ignorant, not to know; see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

ig no·rant·ly *adv.*

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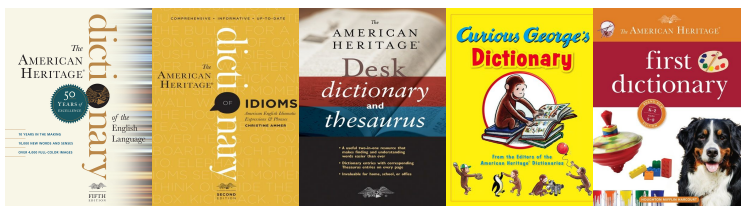
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