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n.

1. A deciduous shrub or small tree (*Punica granatum*) native to Asia and widely cultivated for its edible fruit.
2. The fruit of this tree, having a tough reddish rind and containing numerous seeds surrounded by tart juicy red pulp.

[Middle English *pome granate*, from Old French *pome grenate* : *pome*, apple; see [POME](#) + *grenate*, having many seeds (from Latin *grānātus*, from *grānum*, grain, seed; see [g](#) [a-no-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]



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pomegranate

Punica granatum

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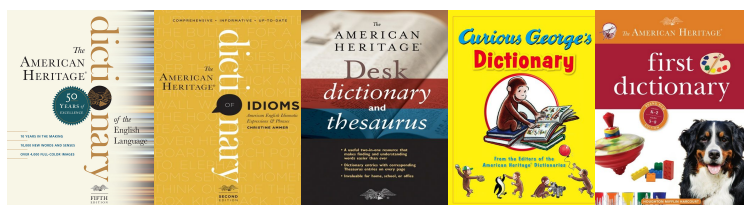
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