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[New Latin *Anabaena*, genus name, from Greek *anabainein*, to go up : *ana-*, *ana-* + *bainein*, to go; see **g^wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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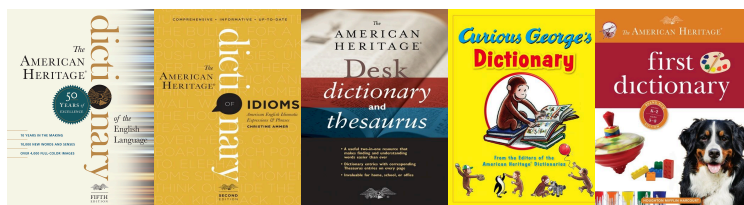
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