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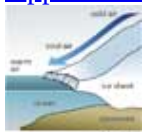
kat·a·bat·ic  (kăt'ə-băt ĭk)

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adj.

Of or relating to the downward flow of cold dense air: *a katabatic wind*.

[Greek *katabatikos*, pertaining to descent, from *katabatos*, descending : *kata-*, *cata-* + *batos*, going; see **g^wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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a polar katabatic wind

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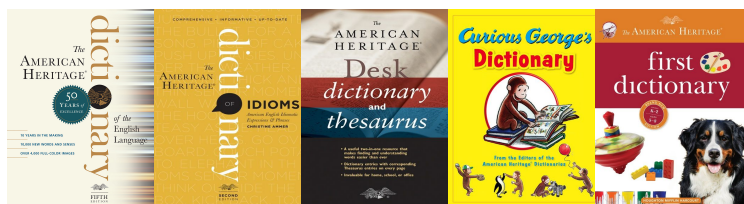
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