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adj.

1. *Biology* Living or able to live both on land and in water.
2. Able to operate both on land and in water: *amphibious tanks*.
3. Relating to or organized for a military landing by means of combined naval and land forces.
4. Of a mixed or twofold nature.

[From Latin *amphibius*, from Greek *amphibios*; see [AMPHIBIAN](#).]

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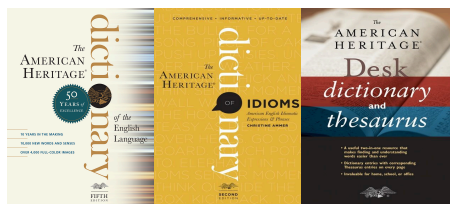
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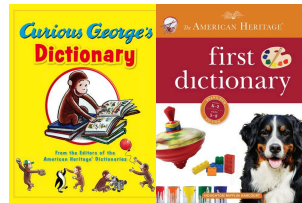
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