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n.

A minute life form; a microorganism, especially a bacterium that causes disease. Not in technical use.

[French : Greek *mīkro-*, micro- + Greek *bios*, life; see **g^wei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

mi·cro bi·al (mī-krō bē-əl), **mi·cro bic** (-krō bīk) *adj.*

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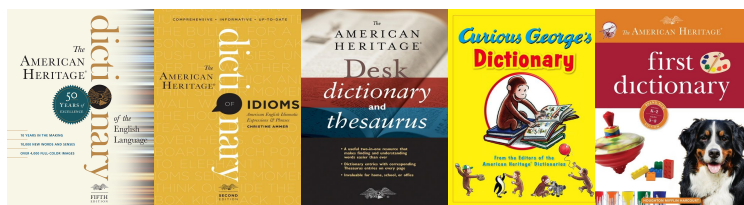
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