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n. pl. cha·ri·va·ris

1. *Regional* See [shivaree](#).

2. An introductory piece at the beginning of a circus, featuring all the performers who will be appearing later in the show.

[French, from Old French, perhaps from Late Latin *carībaria*, headache, from Greek *karēbariā* : *karē*, head; see **ker**-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots + *barus*, heavy; see **g^werə**-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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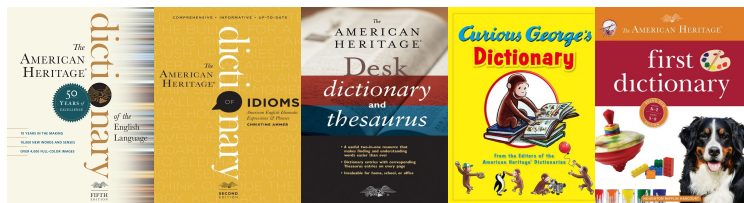
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