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n.

Any of a family of filamentous single-stranded RNA viruses, including the Ebola and Marburg viruses, that cause hemorrhagic fevers in humans and other primates and spread by contact with infected body fluids.

[Latin *fīlum*, thread; see **g^{whi}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [VIRUS](#).]

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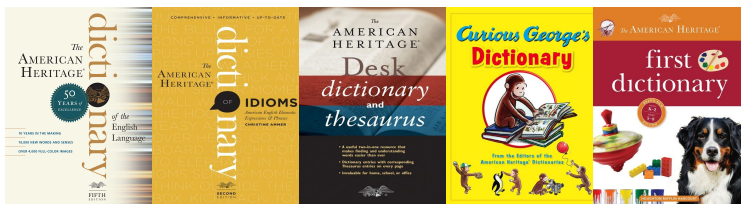
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