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adj.

1. Of or characteristic of the countryside or its people; rustic. See Synonyms at [rural](#).
2. Of or characteristic of shepherds or flocks; pastoral.

n.

1. A pastoral poem.
2. A farmer or shepherd; a rustic.

[Latin *būcolicus*, pastoral, from Greek *boukolikos*, from *boukolos*, cowherd : *bous*, cow; see **g^wou-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-kolos*, herdsman; see **k^wel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

bu·col **i·cal·ly** *adv.*

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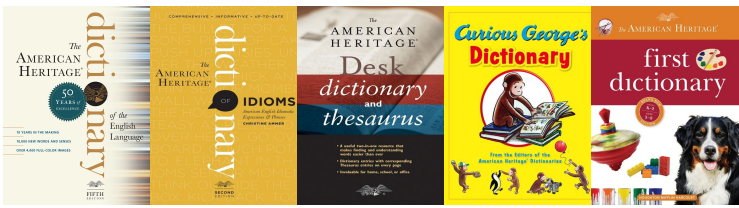
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