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[Middle English *buglosse*, plant of the genus *Anchusa*, from Middle French, from Late Latin *būglōssa*, from Greek *bouglōsson*, the plant *Anchusa italica* : *bous*, ox; see **g^wou-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots + *glōssa*, tongue (the plant being so called because its hairy leaves were thought to resemble the velvety tongues of cattle).]

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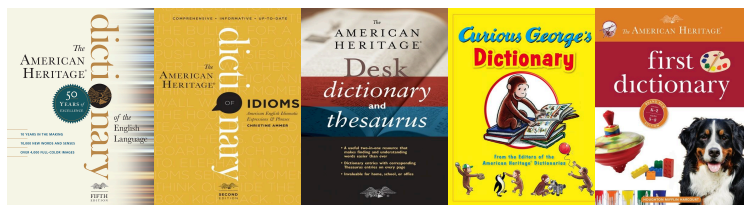
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