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bu·li·mi·a  (b -lē mē-ə, -līm ē-ə, b -, by -)

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n.

1. An eating disorder characterized by episodic binge eating followed by feelings of shame, depression, and self-condemnation. It occurs chiefly in young women of normal and near-normal weight and is often associated with measures taken to prevent weight gain, such as self-induced vomiting, fasting, or using laxatives. Also called *bulimarexia*, *bulimia nervosa*.

2. Excessive or insatiable appetite.

[New Latin *būlīmīa*, from Greek *boulīmīā* : *bous*, ox; see **g^wou-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *līmos*, hunger.]

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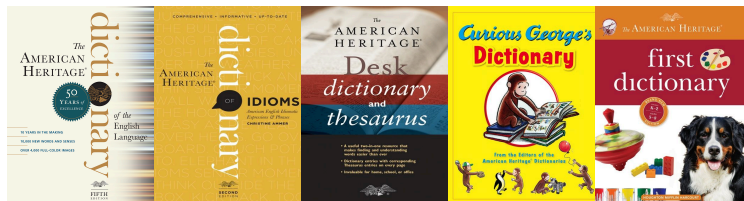
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