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An annual plant (*Cyamopsis tetragonolobus*) in the pea family, cultivated chiefly in semiarid regions of South Asia as a forage crop and especially for its seeds, from which guar gum is obtained. Also called *cluster bean*.

[Hindi *guār*, from Sanskrit *gopālī*, a kind of cucumber, short for *gopālakarkaṭī*, cowherder's cucumber, from *gopālah*, cowherd : *gauḥ*, cow; see **g^wou-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *pālayati*, he brings across safely, protects (variant of *pārayati*; see **per-²** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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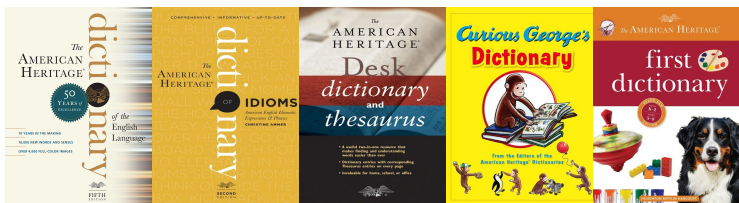
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