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n. pl. **nil·gais** or **nilgai**

A large brown or bluish-gray antelope (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) native to India, Nepal, and Pakistan, the male of which has short, sturdy horns and strands of long hair hanging down from the throat.

[Hindi *nīlgāī*, feminine of *nīlgāw* : *nīl*, dark blue (from Sanskrit *nīla-*) + *gāw*, ox, cow (from Sanskrit *gauḥ*; see **g^wou-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]



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nilgai

female nilgai

Boselaphus tragocamelus

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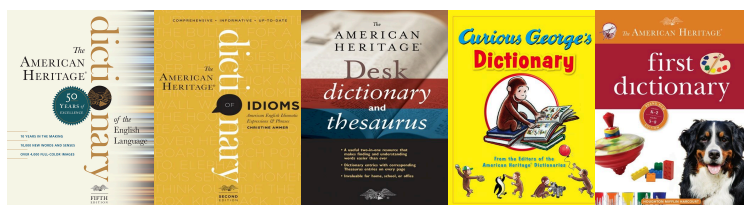
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