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**in·can·desce**  (in'kən-dēs )

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*tr. & intr.v.* **in·can·desc·ed**, **in·can·desc·ing**, **in·can·desc·es**

To make or become incandescent.

[Latin *incandēscere*, to glow : *in-*, intensive pref.; see [in-](#)<sup>2</sup> + *candēscere*, to glow, inchoative of *candēre*, to shine; see **kand-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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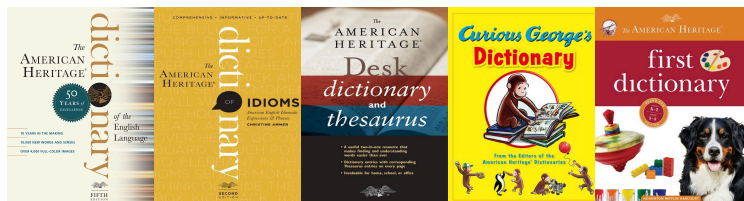
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