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adj.

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2. Especially sensitive; highly impressionable: *a susceptible child.*
3. Permitting an action to be performed; capable of undergoing something: *a statement susceptible of proof; a disease susceptible to treatment.*

[Late Latin *susceptibilis*, from Latin *susceptus*, past participle of *suscipere*, to receive : *sub-*, from below; see [SUB-](#) + *capere*, to take; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

sus·cep ti·ble·ness *n.*

sus·cep ti·bly *adv.*

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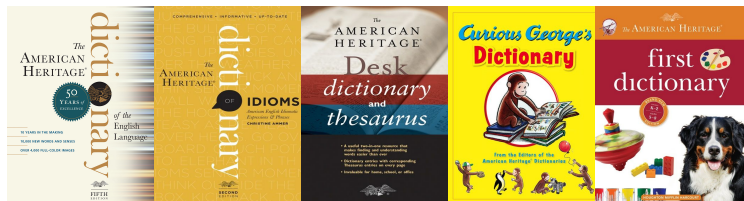
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