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n. pl. oc·cip·i·ta (ŏk-sĭp ĭ-tə) or **oc·ci·puts**

The back part of the head or skull.

[Middle English, from Latin *occiput*, *occipit-* : *ob-*, against; see [OB-](#) + *caput*, head; see **kaput-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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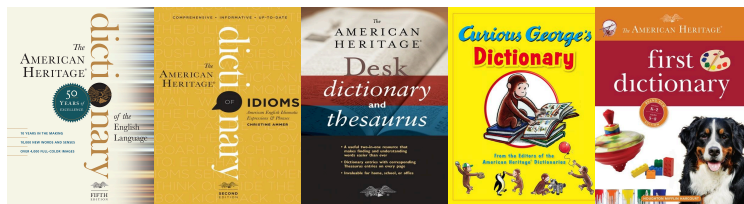
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