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n.

1. A constellation in the Northern Hemisphere near Leo and Gemini.
2.
 - a. The fourth sign of the zodiac in astrology.
 - b. One who is born under this sign. In all senses also called *Crab*.

[Middle English, from Latin; see [CANKER](#).]

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n.

1.
 - a. Any of various malignant neoplasms characterized by the proliferation of anaplastic cells that tend to invade surrounding tissue and metastasize to new body sites.
 - b. The pathological condition characterized by such growths.
2. A pernicious, spreading evil: *A cancer of bigotry spread through the community.*

[Middle English; see [CANKER](#).]

can cer·ous (kăn sər-əs) *adj.*

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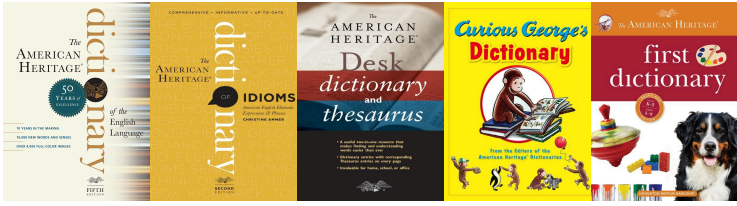
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