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n. pl. in·cu·des (ĩng-ky dēz)

1. An anvil-shaped bone between the malleus and the stapes in the mammalian middle ear. Also called *anvil*.
2. A thunderhead.

[Latin *incūs, incūd-*, anvil, from *incūsus*, past participle of *incūdere*, to forge with a hammer : *in-*, intensive pref.; see [IN-](#)² + *cūdere*, to beat, forge; see **kau-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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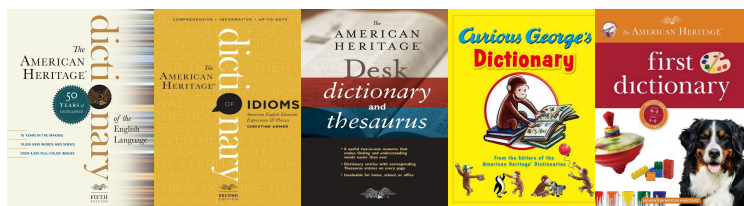
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