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n. pl. co·le·o·rhi·zae (-zē)

A protective sheath enclosing the embryonic root of grasses.

[New Latin : Greek *koleon*, sheath; see *kel-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *rhiza*, root; see *wrad-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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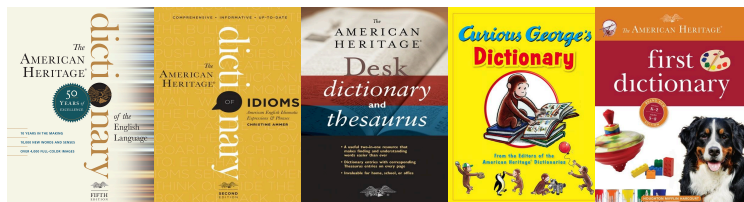
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