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oc·cult  (ə-kŭlt , ōk ŭlt')

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- adj.*
1. Of, relating to, or dealing with supernatural or magical influences, agencies, or occurrences: *occult astrological powers.*
 2. Available only to the initiate; secret or mysterious: *occult lore.* See Synonyms at [mysterious](#).
 3. Beyond the realm of human comprehension; inscrutable: *The causes of those phenomena remain occult.*
 4. Hidden from view; concealed: *"Hatchlings and juveniles ... keep to this occult place through all the seasons" (David M. Carroll).*
 5.
 - a. *Medicine* Detectable only by microscopic examination or chemical analysis, as a minute blood sample.
 - b. Not accompanied by readily detectable signs or symptoms: *occult carcinoma.*
- n.*
- Occult practices or techniques: *a student of the occult.*
- v.* (ə-kŭlt) **oc·cult·ed**, **oc·cult·ing**, **oc·cults**
- v.tr.*
1. To conceal or cause to disappear from view.
 2. *Astronomy* To conceal by occultation: *The moon occulted Mars.*
- v.intr.*
- To become concealed or extinguished at regular intervals: *a lighthouse beacon that occults every 45 seconds.*

[Latin *occultus*, secret, past participle of *occulere*, to cover over; see **kel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

oc·cult *ly* *adv.*

oc·cult *ness* *n.*

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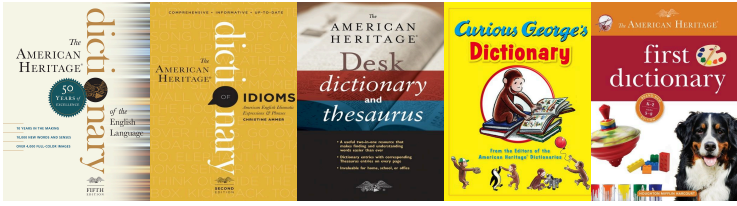
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