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adj.

1. Mildly warm; tepid.
2. Lacking conviction or enthusiasm; indifferent: *gave only lukewarm support to the incumbent candidate.*

[Middle English *leukwarm* : *leuk*, *luke* (possibly alteration of *leu*, from Old English *hlēow*; see *kelā*-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *warm*, warm; see [WARM](#).]

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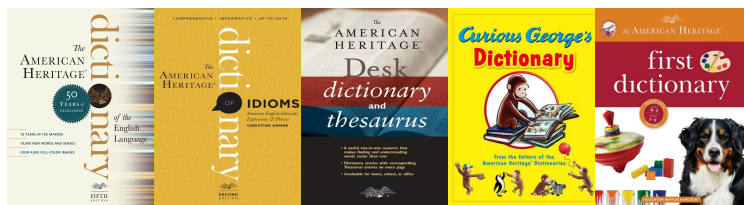
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