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**in·ca·les·cent**  (in'kə-lēs ənt)

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*adj.*

Growing hotter or more ardent.

[Latin *incalēscēns*, *incalēscēt-*, present participle of *incalēscere*, to grow warm : *in-*, intensive pref.; see [in-](#)<sup>2</sup> + *calēscere*, to grow warm, inchoative of *calēre*, to be warm; see [kela-](#)<sup>1</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

**in'ca·les cence** *n.*

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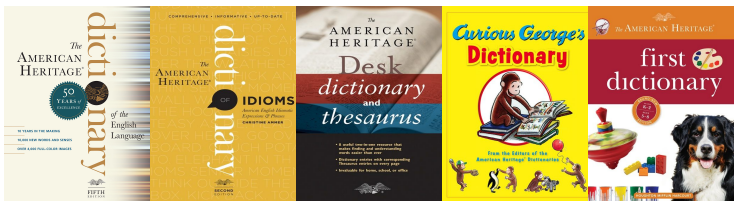
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