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n.

A white, gray, pink, or black mineral, $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot \text{KCl} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, used as a fertilizer and a source of potassium compounds.

[Greek *kainos*, new; see **ken-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [-ITE](#)¹.]

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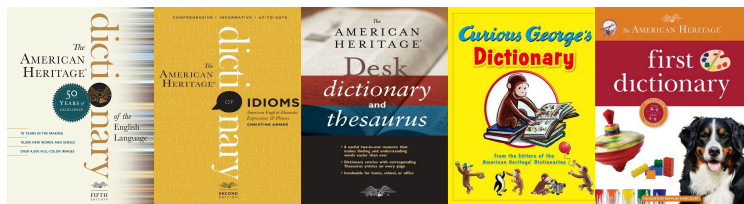
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