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mi·graine  (mī grān')

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n.

A severe recurring headache, usually affecting only one side of the head, characterized by sharp pain and often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and visual disturbances.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Late Latin *hēmīcrānia*, from Greek *hēmīkrāniā* : *hēmi-*, hemi- + *krānion*, head; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

mi·grain **ous** *adj.*

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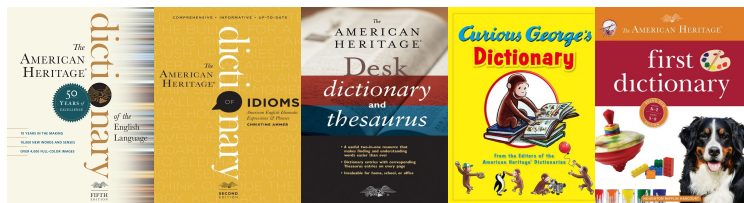
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