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n.

The process by which squamous epithelial cells in vertebrate animals develop into tough protective layers or structures such as hair, hooves, and the outer layer of skin; the final stage of keratinization.

[Latin *cornū*, horn; see **ker-**¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots + [-FICATION](#).]

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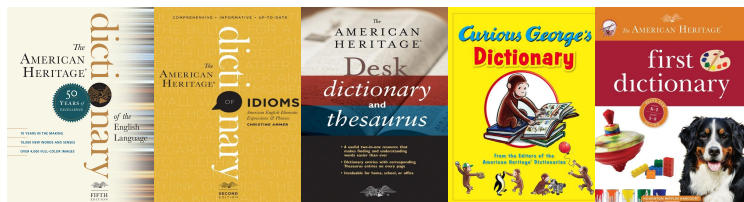
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