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n.

Either of the two major arteries, one on each side of the neck, that carry blood to the head.

adj.

Of or relating to either of these arteries.

[French *carotide*, from Greek *karōtides*, carotid arteries, from *karoun*, to stupefy (because compression of these arteries causes loss of consciousness); see **ker-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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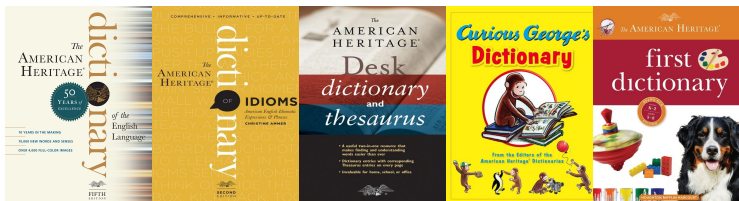
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