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n. pl. che·lic·er·ae (-ə-rē')

Either of the first pair of fanglike appendages near the mouth of an arachnid or a horseshoe crab, often modified for grasping and piercing.

[New Latin : [CHELA](#) + Greek *keras*, horn; see [ker-¹](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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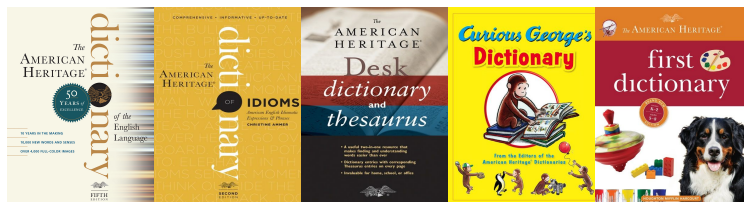
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