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ac·crue  (ə-kr)

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v. ac·crued, ac·cru·ing, ac·crues

v.intr.

1. To come to one as a gain, addition, or increment: *interest accruing in my savings account.*
2. To increase, accumulate, or come about as a result of growth: *common sense that accrues with experience.*
3. To come into existence as a claim that is legally enforceable.

v.tr.

To accumulate over time: *I have accrued 15 days of sick leave.*

[Middle English *acreuen*, from Old French *acreu*, past participle of *acroistre*, to increase, add, from Latin *accrēscere*, to grow : *ad-*, *ad-* + *crēscere*, to arise; see **ker-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

ac·cru a·ble *adj.*

ac·crue ment *n.*

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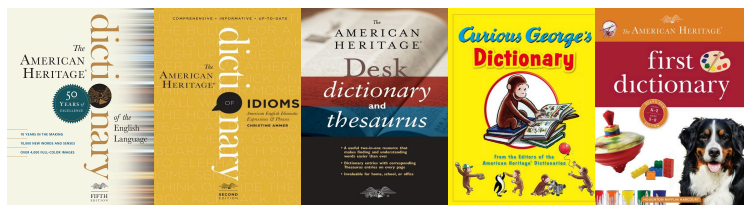
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