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n.

1. Any of various hard, brittle, heat-resistant and corrosion-resistant materials made by shaping and then firing a nonmetallic mineral, such as clay, at a high temperature.

2.

a. An object, such as earthenware, porcelain, or tile, made of ceramic.

b. **ceramics** (*used with a sing. verb*) The art or technique of making objects of ceramic, especially from fired clay.

[From Greek *keramikos*, of pottery, from *keramos*, potter's clay; see **ker-**³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ce·ram ic *adj.*

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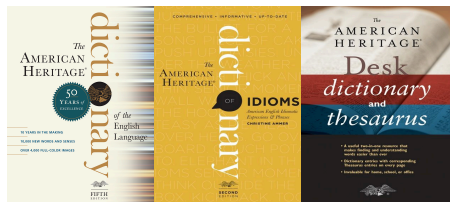
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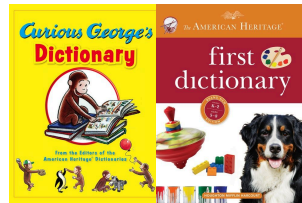
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