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id·i·o·syn·cra·sy  (ĭd'ē-ō-sĭng krə-sē)

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n. pl. id·i·o·syn·cra·sies

1. A structural or behavioral characteristic peculiar to an individual or group.
2. A physiological or temperamental peculiarity.
3. An unusual individual reaction to food or a drug.

[Greek *idiosunkrāsia* : *idio-*, *idio-* + *sunkrāsis*, mixture, temperament (*sun-*, *syn-* + *krāsis*, a mixing; see **kerə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

id·i·o·syn·crat ic (-sĭn-krăt ĭk) *adj.*

id·i·o·syn·crat ic·ly *adv.*

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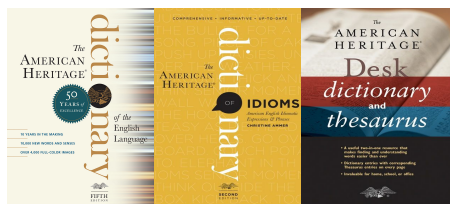
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