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cur·sive  (kûr sîv)

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adj.

Having the successive letters joined together: *cursive writing*; *a cursive style of type*.

n.

1. A cursive character or letter.
2. A manuscript written in cursive characters.
3. *Printing* A type style that imitates handwriting.

[French (*écriture*) *cursive*, cursive (handwriting), from Medieval Latin (*scrīpta*) *cursīva*, from Latin *cursus*, past participle of *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cur sive·ly *adv.*

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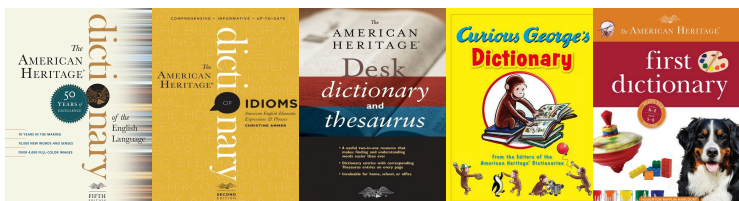
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