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adj.

Of or relating to the abdomen or abdominal cavity.

[Latin *coeliacus*, from Greek *koiliakos*, from *koiliā*, abdomen, from *koilos*, hollow; see **keua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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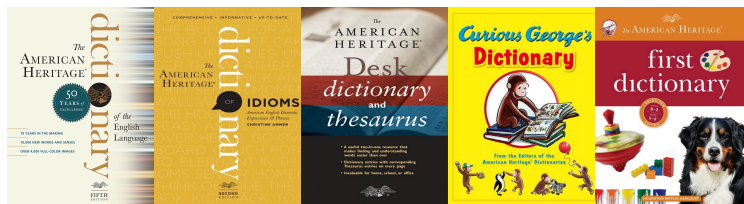
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