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1. A dialect of Greek that developed primarily from Attic and became the common language of the Hellenistic world, from which later stages of Greek are descended.
2. **koine** A lingua franca.
3. **koine** A regional dialect or language that becomes the standard language over a wider area, losing its most extreme local features.

[From Greek (*hē*) *koinē* (*dialektos*), common (language), feminine of *koinos*, common; see **kom** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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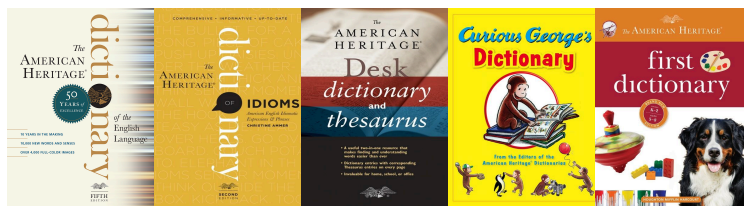
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