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tr.v. **ex·cret·ed**, **ex·cret·ing**, **ex·cretes**

To separate and discharge (waste matter) from the blood, tissues, or organs.

[Latin *excernere*, *excrĕt-* : *ex-*, *ex-* + *cernere*, to separate; see **krei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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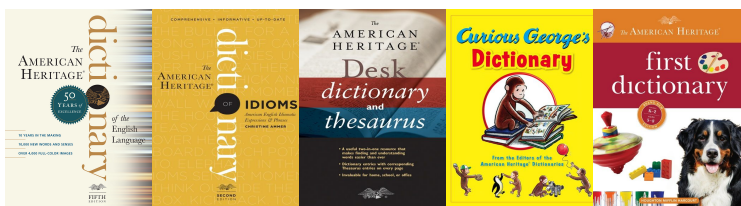
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