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adj.
Relating to a type of glandular secretion in which the apical portion of the secreting cell is released along with the secretory products.

[Probably from Greek *apokrīnein*, to set apart : *apo-*, *apo-* + *krīnein*, to separate; see **krei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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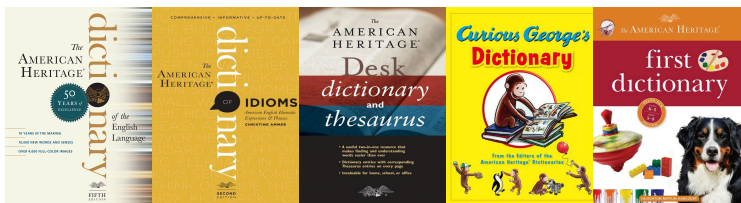
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