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raw  (rô)

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adj. **raw·er, raw·est**

1.
 - a. Uncooked: *raw meat*.
 - b. Being in a natural condition; not processed or refined: *raw wool*.
 - c. Not finished, covered, or coated: *raw wood*.
 - d. Not having been subjected to adjustment, treatment, or analysis: *raw data; the raw cost of production*.
 - e. Undeveloped or unused: *raw land*.
 - f. Recently finished; fresh: *raw plaster*.
2. Inexperienced or untrained: *a raw youth; raw recruits*.
3.
 - a. Having subcutaneous tissue exposed: *a raw wound*.
 - b. Inflamed; sore: *a raw throat*.
4. Unpleasantly damp and chilly: *raw weather*.
5.
 - a. Powerfully impressive; stark: *raw beauty; raw talent*.
 - b. Direct in description and explicit in realistic detail: *the film's raw depiction of urban poverty*.
 - c. Crude, vulgar, or coarse: *raw language*.
6. Nude; naked: *was standing there raw*.
7.
 - a. Engaged in without the protection of a condom.
 - b. Done in a rough or unrestrained manner. Used of sex.

adv.

Slang Without a condom; unprotected.

Idioms:

in the raw

1. In a crude or unrefined state: *nature in the raw*.
2. Nude; naked.

raw deal

An instance of unfair treatment: *got a raw deal from our insurance company*.

[Middle English *rau*, from Old English *hrēaw*; see **kreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

raw ly *adv.*

raw ness *n.*

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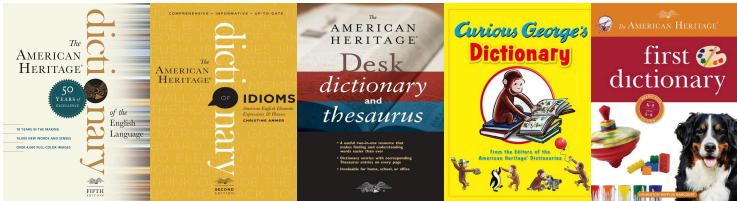
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