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n.

A compound, $C_4H_9N_3O_2$, that is found in the muscle tissue of vertebrates mainly in the form of phosphocreatine and that is involved in storing and supplying energy for muscle contraction.

[French *créatine* : from Greek *kreas*, *kreat*-, flesh; see **kreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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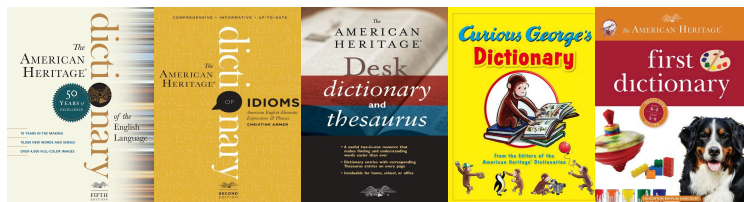
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