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n.

A long, irregularly shaped gland in vertebrates, lying behind the stomach, that secretes pancreatic juice into the duodenum and insulin, glucagon, and somatostatin into the bloodstream.

[Greek *pankreas* : *pan-*, pan- + *kreas*, flesh; see **kreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pan'cre·at ic (pang'kre-at ik, pan'-) *adj.*



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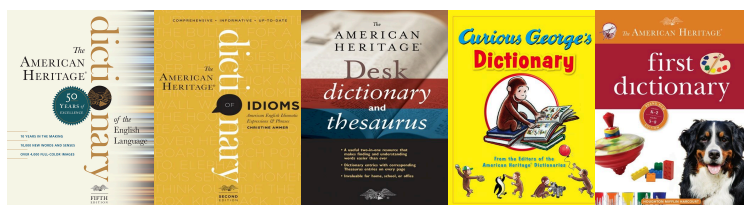
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