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adj. **crud·er, crud·est**

1. Being in an unrefined or natural state: *crude cotton*.
2. Lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive: *a crude, mannerless oaf; a crude remark*.
3. Lacking in sophistication or subtlety; simplistic: *had only a crude notion of how a computer works*.
4. Not carefully or skillfully made; rough: *a quick, crude sketch*.
5. Undisguised or unadorned; plain: *must face the crude truth*.
6. *Statistics* In an unanalyzed form; not adjusted to allow for related circumstances or data.
7. *Archaic* Unripe or immature.

n.

A substance, especially petroleum, in its unrefined state.

[Middle English, from Latin *crūdus*; see **kreuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

crude ly *adv.*

cru di·ty (kr dī-tē), **crude ness** *n.*

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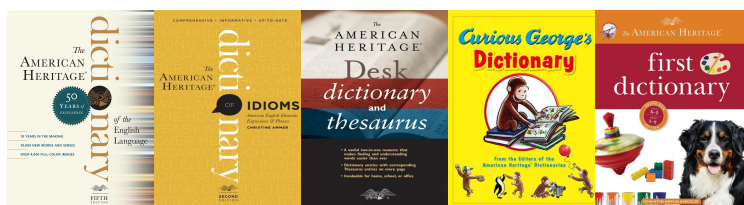
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