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crust  (krüst)

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n.

1.

a. The hard outer portion or surface area of bread.

b. A piece of bread consisting mostly of the hard outer portion.

c. A piece of bread that has become hard and dry.

2. A pastry shell, as of a pie or tart.

3. A hard crisp covering or surface: *snow with a firm crust.*

4. A hard deposit formed on the interior of a wine bottle as the wine matures.

5. *Geology*

a. The solid, outermost layer of the earth, lying above the mantle.

b. The outermost solid layer of a planet or moon.

6. The hard outer covering or integument of certain plants and animals, such as lichens and crustaceans.

7. An outer layer or coating formed by the drying of a bodily exudate such as pus or blood; a scab.

8. *Informal* Insolence; audacity; gall.

v. **crust·ed, crust·ing, crusts**

v.*tr.*

1. To cover with a crust.

2. To form into a crust.

v.*intr.*

1. To become covered with a crust.

2. To harden into a crust.

[Middle English *cruste*, from Old French *crouste*, from Latin *crusta*; see **kreus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

crust *less adj.*

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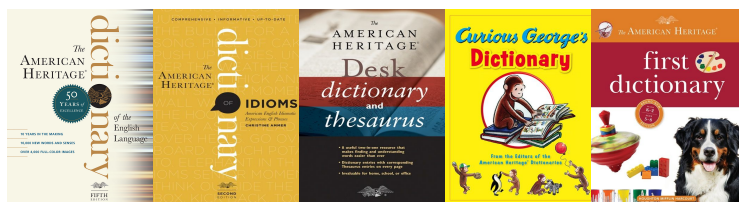
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