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adj.
Of or relating to a lichen whose thallus is thin, crusty, and closely adherent to or embedded in the surface on which it grows.

[Latin *crŭstōsus*, crusted, from *crusta*, crust; see **kreus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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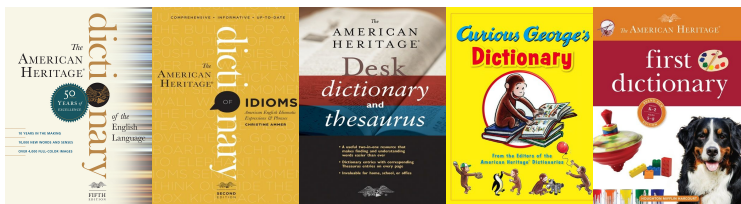
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