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in·qui·line  (in kwə-līn', -līn, ینگ -)

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n.

An animal that characteristically lives commensally in the nest, burrow, or dwelling place of an animal of another species.

adj.

Being or living as an inquiline.

[Latin *inquilīnus*, lodger, tenant : *in-*, in; see [in-](#)² + *colere*, to inhabit; see **k^wel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in qui·lin·ism (-lə-nīz'əm), **in'qui·lin i·ty** (-līn ỹ-tē) *n.*

in'qui·lin ous (-lī nəs) *adj.*

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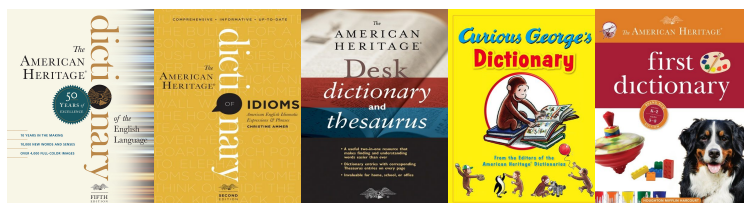
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