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n.

An East Indian sailor, army servant, or artillery trooper during the era of European colonialism in Asia.

[Ultimately (probably via Portuguese *lascar*) from Urdu *laškar*, army, from Persian, from Middle Persian; see **k^wer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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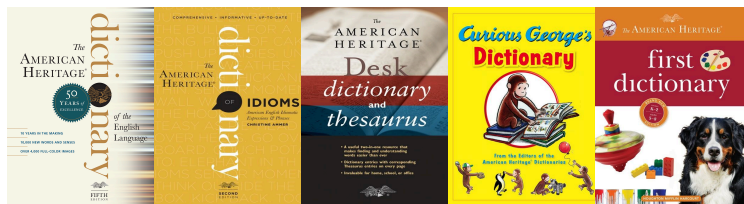
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