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n.

1. The minimal number of officers and members of a committee or organization, usually a majority, who must be present for valid transaction of business.
2. A select group.
3. The minimal density of bacterial cells that results in altered gene expression in a population of bacteria.

[Middle English, quorum of justices of the peace, from Latin *quōrum*, of whom (from the wording of a commission naming certain persons as members of a body), genitive pl. of *quī*, who; see **k^wo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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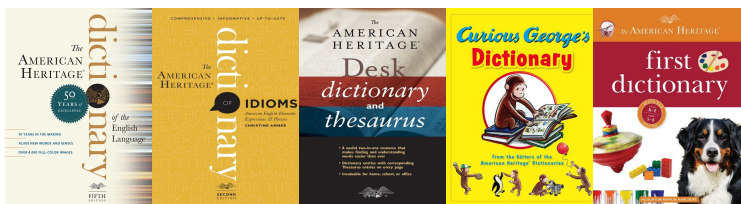
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