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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of the canids.
2. Of, relating to, or being one of the pointed conical teeth located between the incisors and the first bicuspid.

n.

1. An animal of the family Canidae, especially a dog.
2. One of the pointed, conical teeth located between the incisors and the first bicuspid. Also called *cuspid*.

[Latin *canīnus*, from *canis*, dog; see **kwon-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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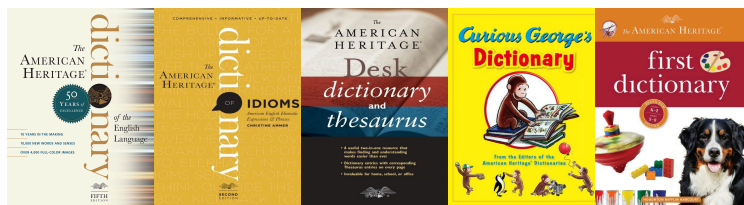
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