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n. pl. **corps** (kôrz)

1.

a. A separate branch or department of the armed forces having a specialized function.

b. A tactical unit of ground combat forces between a division and an army commanded by a lieutenant general and composed of two or more divisions and auxiliary service troops.

2. A body of persons acting together or associated under common direction: *the press corps*.

[French, from Old French, from Latin *corpus*, body; see **k^wrep-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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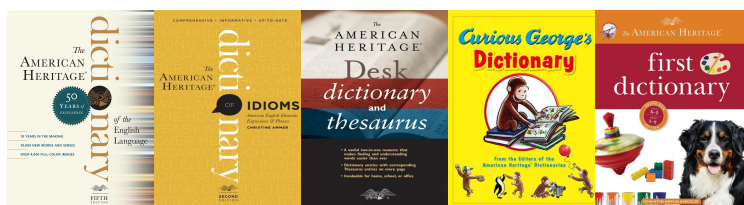
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