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n.

1.

a. An unattached body cell, such as a blood or lymph cell.

b. A rounded globular mass of cells, such as the pressure receptor on certain nerve endings.

2. A discrete particle, such as a photon or an electron.

3. A minute globular particle.

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

cor·pus cu·lar (kôr-pŭs kyə-lər) *adj.*

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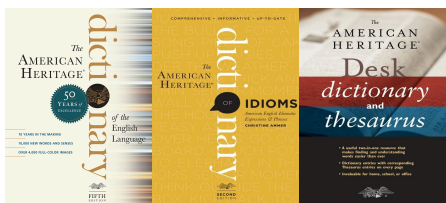
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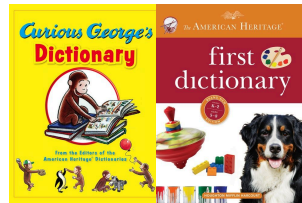
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