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the small bone caudad to the sacrum in humans, formed by the union of four (sometimes five or three) rudimentary vertebrae, and forming the caudal end of the vertebral column.

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The small bone at the end of the vertebral column in humans, formed by the fusion of four rudimentary vertebrae; it articulates above with the sacrum.

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## COCCYX (kɒk'sīks)

*n. pl.* **coccyges** (kɒk-sī'jēz, kɒk'sī-jēz')

A small triangular bone at the base of the spinal column in humans and other apes, consisting of several fused rudimentary vertebrae. Also called *tailbone*.

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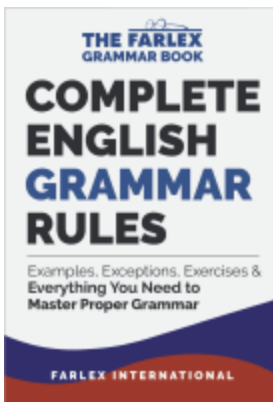
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