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n.

1. A group of related persons, as a clan or tribe.
2. (*used with a pl. verb*) A person's relatives; kinfolk.

adj.

1. Of the same ancestry or family: *kindred clans*.
2. Having a similar or related origin, nature, or character: *kindred emotions*.

[Middle English *kinrede*, *kindrede*, from Late Old English *cynrēde* : *cyn*, kin; see **genə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-rēde*, condition (from Old English *rāden*, *-rāden*, condition; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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