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adj.

1. Prevalent in a particular locality, region, or population: *endemic diseases of the tropics*.
2. Native only to a particular locality or region: *endemic birds*.
3. Common in or inherent to an enterprise or situation: "*All the difficulties endemic to historical research become more acute in the case of war*" (Constantine Pleshakov).

n.

1. An organism that is native only to a particular locality or region.
2. A disease that is prevalent in a particular locality, region, or population.

[From Greek *endēmos*, native, endemic : *en-*, in; see [EN-](#)² + *dēmos*, people; see *dā-* in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

en·dem i·cal·ly *adv.*

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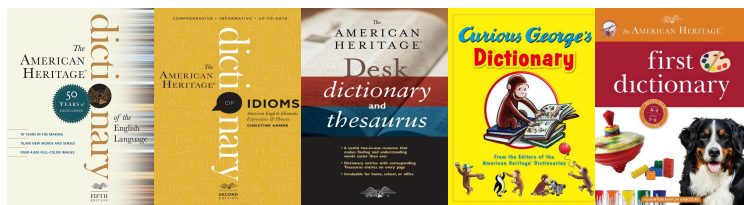
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