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pred·i·cate  (prĕd ĭ-kāt')

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v. pred·i·cat·ed, pred·i·cat·ing, pred·i·cates

v.tr.

1. To base or establish (a statement or action, for example): *I predicated my argument on the facts.*
2. To state or affirm as an attribute or quality of something: *The sermon predicated the perfectibility of humankind.*
3. To carry the connotation of; imply.
4. *Logic* To make (a term or expression) the predicate of a proposition.
5. To proclaim or assert; declare.

v.intr.

To make a statement or assertion.

n. (-kīt)

1. *Grammar* One of the two main constituents of a sentence or clause, modifying the subject and including the verb, objects, or phrases governed by the verb, as *opened the door* in *Jane opened the door* or *is very sleepy* in *The child is very sleepy.*
2. *Logic* That part of a proposition that is affirmed or denied about the subject. For example, in the proposition *We are mortal*, *mortal* is the predicate.

adj. (-kīt)

1. *Grammar* Of or belonging to the predicate of a sentence or clause.
2. Stated or asserted; predicated.

[Late Latin *praedicāre*, *praedicāt-*, from Latin, to proclaim : *prae-*, pre- + *dicāre*, to proclaim; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pred'ī·ca tion n.

pred'ī·ca tion·al adj.

pred ī·ca'tive adj.

pred ī·ca'tive·ly adv.

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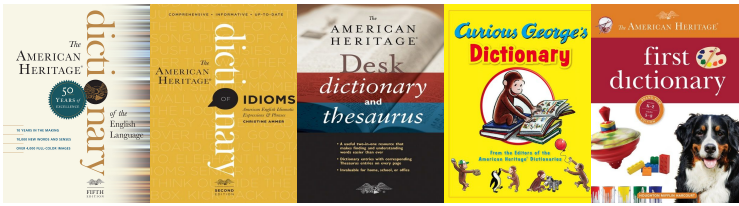
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