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adj.

1. *Logic* Directly proving by argument.

2. *Linguistics* Of or relating to a word, the determination of whose referent is dependent on the context in which it is said or written. In the sentence *I want him to come here now*, the words *I*, *here*, *him*, and *now* are deictic because the determination of their referents depends on who says that sentence, and where, when, and of whom it is said.

n.

A deictic word, such as *I* or *there*.

[Greek *deiktikos*, from *deiktos*, able to show directly, from *deiknunai*, to show; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

deic ti·cal·ly *adv.*

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