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n.

The function of a deictic word in specifying its referent in a given context.

[Greek, display, demonstrative reference, from *deiknunai*, to show; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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