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n. pl. e·pen·the·ses (-sēz')

The insertion of a sound in the middle of a word, as in Middle English *thunder* from Old English *thunor*.

[Late Latin, from Greek, from *epentithenai*, to insert : *ep-*, *epi-*, *epi-* + *en-*, in; see [EN-](#)² + *tithenai*, to place; see [dhē-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ep'en·thet ic (ĕp'ĭn-thĕt ĭk) *adj.*

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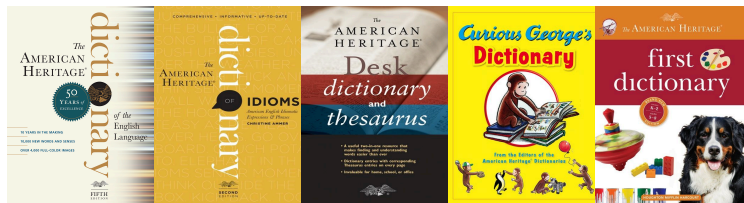
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