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1.

a. To put into or onto: *encapsulate*.

b. To go into or onto: *enplane*.

2. To cover or provide with: *enrobe*.

3. To cause to be: *endear*.

4. Thoroughly. Used often as an intensive: *entangle*.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *in-*, in; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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en-² or **em-**

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In; into; within: *enzootic*.

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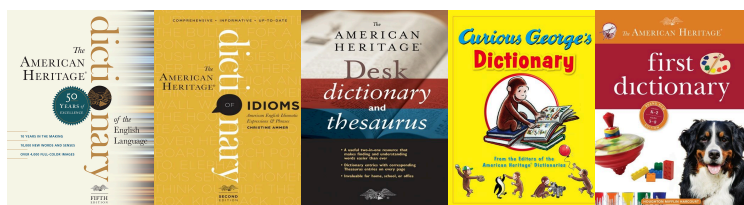
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