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n.

1. *Anatomy* The tissue characteristic of an organ, as distinguished from associated connective or supporting tissues.
2. *Botany* A simple plant tissue, composed of thin-walled cells and forming the greater part of leaves, roots, the pulp of fruit, and the pith of stems.

[New Latin, from Greek *parenkhuma*, visceral flesh, from *parenkhein*, to pour in beside : *para-*, beside; see [PARA](#)¹ + *en-*, in; see [en](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *khein*, to pour; see [gheu-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pa·ren chy·mal, par'en·chym a·tous (păr'ěn-kīm ə-təs) *adj.*

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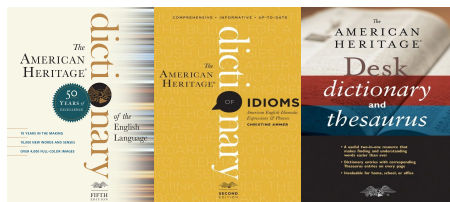
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