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mes·en·ter·y  (měz ən-tě'r'ē, mēs -)

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n. pl. mes·en·ter·ies

Any of several folds of the peritoneum that connect the intestines to the dorsal abdominal wall, especially such a fold that envelops the jejunum and ileum.

[Middle English *mesenterie*, from Medieval Latin *mesenterium*, from Greek *mesenterion* : *meso-*, meso- + *enterion*, diminutive of *enteron*, entrails; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

mes'en·ter ic *adj.*

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