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adj.
Of, relating to, or being the grammatical case indicating a state of being or an existence in a particular capacity or state in some languages, as in Finnish *professorina*, "as a professor."

- n.*
1. The essive case.
 2. A word or form in the essive case.

[Finnish *essiivi*, from New Latin *essivus* : Latin *esse*, to be; see **es-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *-ivus*, -ive.]

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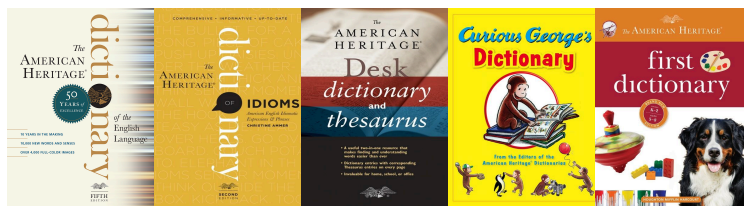
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