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v. en·gen·dered, en·gen·der·ing, en·gen·ders

v.tr.

1. To bring into existence; give rise to: *"Every cloud engenders not a storm" (Shakespeare).*

2. To procreate; propagate.

v.intr.

To come into existence; originate.

[Middle English *engendren*, from Old French *engendrer*, from Latin *ingenerāre* : *in-*, in; see [EN-](#)¹ + *generāre*, to produce; see [GENERATE](#).]

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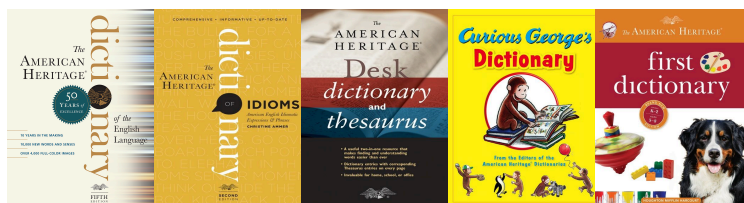
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