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adj.

Formed, originating, or occurring on or just below the surface of the earth.

[French *épigène*, from Greek *epigenēs*, growing after : *epi-*, *epi-* + *-genēs*, -born; see **genə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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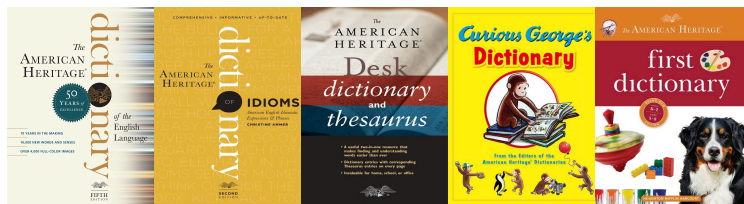
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