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n.

One that is native or indigenous to an area.

[French *indigène*, native, a native, from Latin *indigena*; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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