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adj.

1. Actually possessing the alleged or apparent attribute or character: *genuine leather*.
2. Not spurious or counterfeit; authentic: *Tests proved that the letter was genuine, and not a forgery*. See Synonyms at [authentic](#).
3.
 - a. Honestly felt or experienced: *genuine devotion*.
 - b. Actual; real: *a genuine dilemma*.
4. Free from hypocrisy or dishonesty; sincere: *Is he being genuine in making these compliments?*
5. Being of pure or original stock: *a genuine Hawaiian*.

[Latin *genuīnus*, natural, possibly from alteration of *ingenuus*, native, freeborn; see [INGENUOUS](#).]

gen u·ine·ly *adv.*

gen u·ine·ness *n.*

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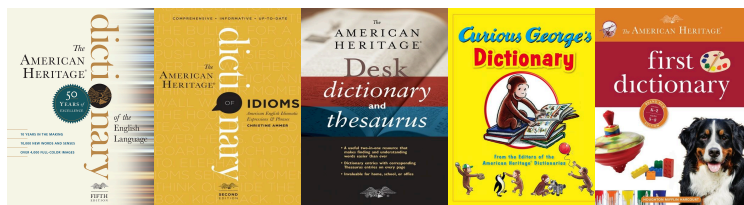
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