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adj.

1. Of or relating to biological reproduction.
2. Of or relating to the genitals.
3. Of or relating to the final stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory, beginning in puberty and during which the genitals again become the focus of gratification, and interest develops in romantic and sexual relationships. The genital stage is preceded by the latency period.

[Middle English, from Latin *genitālis*, from *genitus*, past participle of *gignere*, to beget; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

gen i·tal·ly *adv.*

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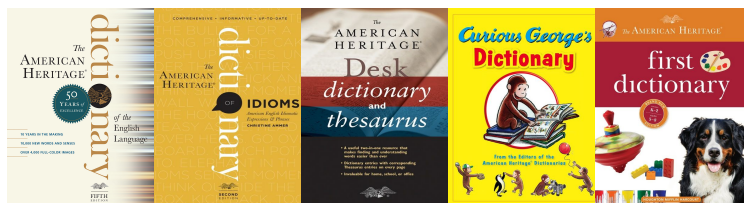
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