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adj.

1. Related by blood; having a common ancestor.
2. Related in origin, as certain words in genetically related languages descended from the same ancestral root; for example, English *name* and Latin *nōmen* from Indo-European **n -men-*.
3. Related or analogous in nature, character, or function.

n.

1. One related by blood or origin with another, especially a person sharing an ancestor with another.
2. A word related to one in another language.
3. A sequence of university courses taken as an adjunct to a graduate degree program: *earned an MA in linguistics with a cognate in computer science.*

[Latin *cognātus* : *co-*, *co-* + *gnātus*, born, past participle of *nāscī*, to be born; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

cog·na tion *n.*

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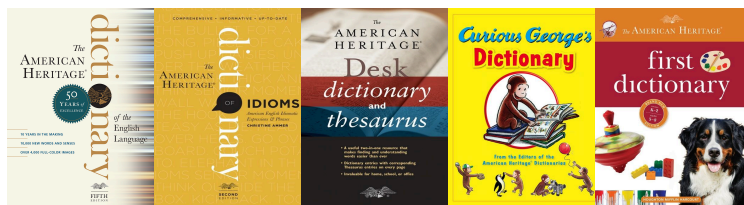
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