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mu·nic·i·pal  (my -nĭs ə-pəl)

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adj.

1.

a. Of, relating to, or typical of a municipality.

b. Having local self-government.

c. Issued on the authority of a local or state government.

2. Of or relating to the internal affairs of a nation.

n.

A municipal bond: *invested in tax-free municipals.*

[Latin *municipālis*, from *municipium*, town, from *mūniceps*, citizen : *mūnus*, public office, duty; see **mei-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *capere*, to take; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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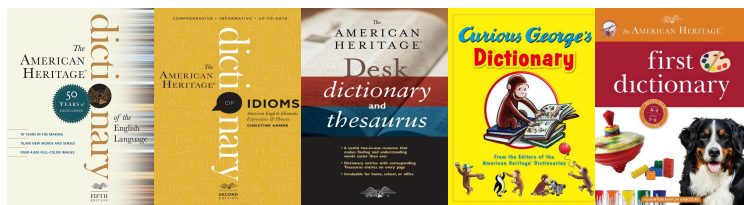
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