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n.
The process of making or becoming a clitic.
[Greek *klisis*, a leaning, from *klīnein*, to lean; see **klei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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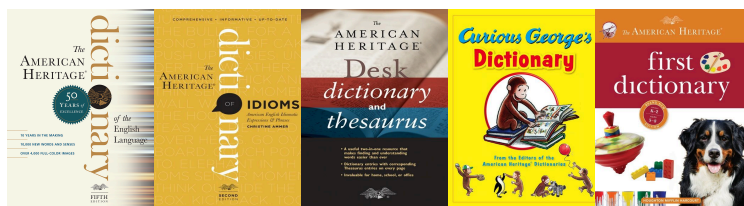
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