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en·clit·ic  (ĕn-klīt ĭk)

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n.

1. A clitic that is attached to the end of another word. In *Give 'em the works*, the pronoun *'em* is an enclitic.
2. A clitic.

adj.

Of or relating to an enclitic or enclisis; forming an accentual unit with the preceding word.

[Late Latin *encliticus*, from Greek *enklitikos*, from *enklīnein*, to lean on : *en-*, on, in; see [EN-](#)² + *klīnein*, to lean; see [klei-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

en·clit i·cize' (-ə-sīz') *v.*

en·clit'i·ci·za tion (-ə-sī-zā shən), **en clis·is** (-klīs-ĭs) *n.*

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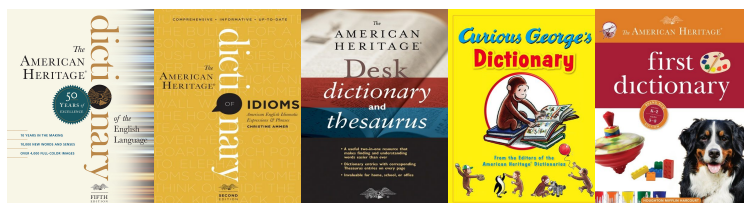
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