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n.

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2. A segment of double-stranded DNA in which the nucleotide sequence of one strand reads in reverse order to that of the complementary strand.

[From Greek *palindromos*, running back again, recurring : *palin*, again; see **k^wel-¹** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dromos*, a running.]

pal'in·dro mic (-drō mĭk, -drŏm ĭk) *adj.*

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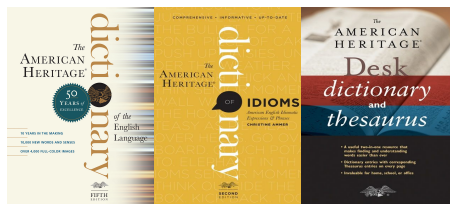
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