

# begotten

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Something is *begotten* when it's been generated by procreation — in other words, it's been fathered.

A somewhat old fashioned adjective, *begotten* is the past participle of the verb *beget*, which means to father or produce as offspring. You might recognize this word from John 3:16, one of the most popular and most often quoted bible verses: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only *begotten* Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

## Definitions of *begotten*

1. **adjective** (of offspring) generated by procreation

*"naturally begotten child"*

Synonyms: [biological](#)  
of parents and children; related by blood

Think you know **begotten**? Test your word knowledge now:

**begotten** means :

- bewitched
- forbidden
- neglected
- biological

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Her curse had devoured the first Royal; he had been **begotten** in sin, and he had perished in sin; it was God's punishment, and it was just.

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