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# con·geni·tal BrE [kən'dʒenɪtl] NAmE [kən'dʒenɪtl] adjective

- 1. (of a disease or medical condition) existing since or before birth
- congenital abnormalities
- Half of all fetuses with the syndrome have a congenital heart defect.
- 2. only before noun existing as part of a person's character and not likely to change
- a congenital inability to tell the truth
- 3. only before noun (of a person) born with a particular illness: (figurative) a congenital liar (= one who will not change) <u>Derived Word</u> <sup>†</sup>congenitally

#### Word Origin:

[congenital congenitally] late 18th cent.: from Latin congenitus, from con- 'together' + genitus (past participle of gignere 'beget') + 1-al.

#### Example Bank:

- Genetic screening can help reduce many congenital diseases.
- He's a congenital liar!
- Her deafness was congenital.
- She seems to have a congenital inability to tell the truth.

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#### con gen ital /kən'dʒenətl, kən'dʒenɪtl/ BrE <sup>\*</sup> AmE <sup>\*</sup> adjective [usually before noun] [Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: congenitus, from com- ( ⇔ COM-) + genitus (past participle of gignere; , <sup>†</sup>genital)]

- 1. a congenital medical condition or disease has affected someone since they were born:
  - congenital abnormalities
  - a congenital defect
- 2. a congenital quality is one that has always been part of your character and is unlikely to change:
  - He's a <u>congenital</u> liar.
  - her congenital inability to make decisions

### -congenitally adverb

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