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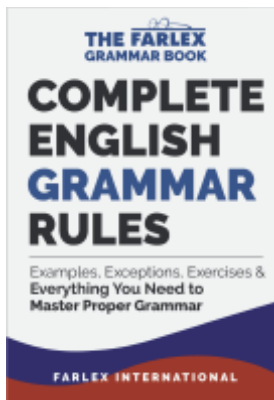
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## somatic dysfunction,

*n* 1., in psychology, embodied neuroses. The physical manifestation of psychologic defenses.

2., in neuromuscular therapy, an area of limited motion and physical tenderness. Formerly called *neuromuscular lesion*.

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