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tr.v. **dig·ni·fied**, **dig·ni·fy·ing**, **dig·ni·fies**

1. To confer dignity or honor on; give distinction to: *dignified him with a title.*
2. To raise the status of (something unworthy or lowly); make honorable: *would not dignify the insulting question with a response.*

[Middle English *dignifien*, from Old French *dignifier*, from Late Latin *dignificāre* : Latin *dignus*, worthy; see **dek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *-ficāre*, *-fy*.]

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