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tr.v. **pro·longed**, **pro·long·ing**, **pro·longs**

To lengthen in duration; protract: *factors that prolong the drug's effect.*

[Middle English *prolongen*, from Old French *prolonguer*, from Late Latin *prōlongāre* : Latin *prō-*, forth; see [PRO-](#)¹ + Latin *longus*, long; see [del-](#)¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pro·long *er n.*

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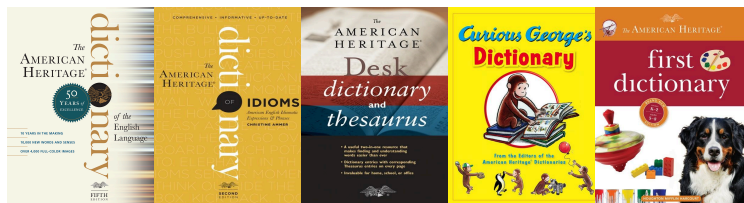
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