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sat·is·fy  (săt ɪs-fī')

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v. sat·is·fied, sat·is·fy·ing, sat·is·fies

v.tr.

1. To fulfill the need, desire, or expectation of: *Were you satisfied with the hotel's service?*
 2. To fulfill (a need or desire): *The cold drink satisfied my thirst.*
 3.
 - a. To free from doubt or question; convince: *His explanation satisfied the authorities.*
 - b. To provide sufficient explanation to dispel or answer (a doubt or question).
 4. To meet or be sufficient for (a requirement); conform to the requirements of (a standard, for example): *Only two people satisfied the researcher's profile for the study.*
 5.
 - a. To discharge (a debt or obligation, for example) in full.
 - b. To discharge an obligation to (a creditor).
 - c. To make reparation for; redress.
 6. *Mathematics* To make the left and right sides of (an equation) equal after substituting equivalent quantities for the unknown variables.
- v.intr.**
1. To be sufficient or adequate.
 2. To give satisfaction.

[Middle English *satisfien*, from Old French *satisfier*, from Latin *satisfacere* : *satis*, sufficient; see *sā-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *facere*, to make; see *dhē-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

sat is·fi'er n.

sat is·fy'ing·ly adv.

Synonyms: satisfy, answer, fill, fulfill, meet¹

These verbs mean to be sufficient or to act in adequate measure for something expected or required: *satisfied all requirements; answered our needs; fills a purpose; fulfilled their aspirations; met her obligations.*

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