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v. am·pli·fied, am·pli·fy·ing, am·pli·fies

v.tr.

1. To make larger or more powerful; increase.
2. To add to, as by illustrations; make complete.
3. To exaggerate.
4. To produce amplification of: *amplify an electrical signal*.

v.intr.

To write or discourse at length; expatiate: *Let me amplify so that you will understand the overall problem.*

[Middle English *amplifien*, from Old French *amplifier*, from Latin *amplificāre* : *amplus*, large + *-ficāre*, -fy.]

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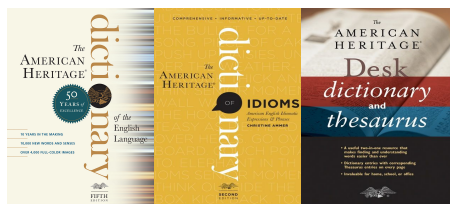
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