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tr.v. **mol·li·fied**, **mol·li·fy·ing**, **mol·li·fies**

1. To calm the anger of; soothe or appease. See Synonyms at [pacify](#).
2. To lessen, as in intensity; assuage: *a meeting to mollify concerns about traffic near the new school.*
3. *Archaic* To reduce the rigidity of; soften.

[Middle English *mollifien*, from Old French *mollifier*, from Late Latin *mollificāre* : Latin *mollis*, soft; see **mel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-ficāre*, *-fy*.]

mol li·fi·a·ble *adj.*

mol'li·fi·ca tion (-fī-kā shən) *n.*

mol li·fi'er *n.*

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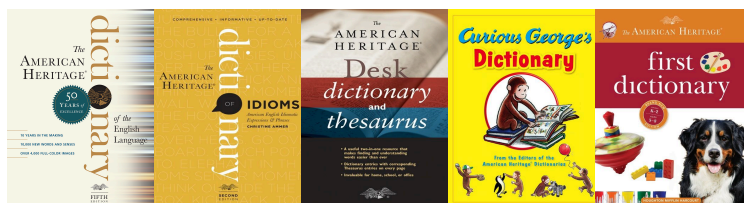
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