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intr. & tr.v. **pu·tre·fied**, **pu·tre·fy·ing**, **pu·tre·fies**

To decay or cause to decay and have a foul odor. See Synonyms at [decay](#).

[Middle English *putrefien*, from Old French *putrefier*, from Latin *putrefacere* : *puter*, *putr-*, rotten; see **p** - [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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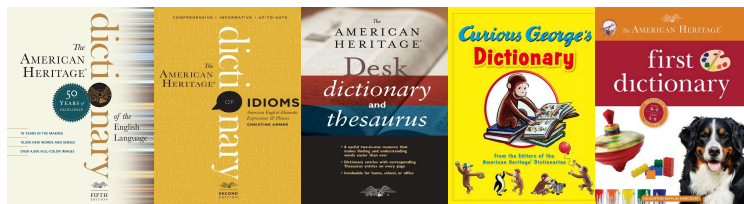
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