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suf·fice  (sə-fīs)

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v. **suf·ficed**, **suf·fic·ing**, **suf·fic·es**

v.*intr.*

1. To meet present needs or requirements; be sufficient: *These rations will suffice until next week.*

2. To be equal to a specified task; be capable: *No words will suffice to convey my grief.*

v.*tr.*

To satisfy the needs or requirements of; be enough for.

[Middle English *suffisen*, from Old French *suffire*, *suffis-*, from Latin *sufficere* : *sub-*, *sub-* + *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

suf·fic er *n.*

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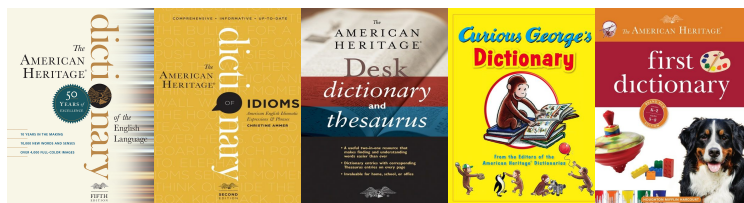
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