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sur·feit  (sûr fīt)

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v. sur·feit·ed, sur·feit·ing, sur·feits

v.tr.

To feed or supply to excess, satiety, or disgust.

v.intr.

Archaic

To overindulge.

n.

1.

a. Overindulgence in food or drink.

b. The result of such overindulgence; satiety or disgust.

2. An excessive amount.

[Middle English *surfeten*, from *surfait*, excess, from Old French, from past participle of *surfaire*, to overdo : *sur-*, *sur-* + *faire*, to do (from Latin *facere*; see *dhē-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

sur **feit·er** **n.**

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