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- adj.*
- 1.**
 - a.** Done or achieved with little effort or difficulty; easy: *a facile victory*.
 - b.** Working, acting, or done with ease and fluency: *a facile writer*; *facile prose*. See Synonyms at [easy](#).
 - 2.** Arrived at or presented without due care, effort, or examination; superficial: *We don't need another facile solution to a complex problem*.
 - 3. Archaic** Pleasingly mild, as in disposition or manner.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *facilis*; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fac ile·ly *adv.*

fac ile·ness *n.*

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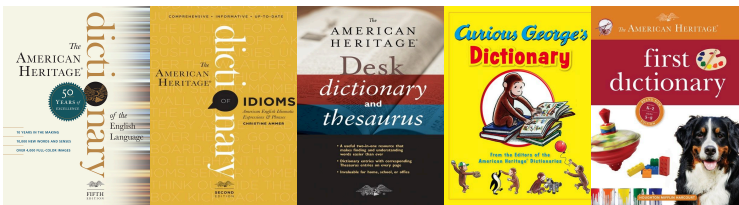
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