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1. To make easy or easier: *political agreements that facilitated troop withdrawals.*
2. To lead (a discussion), as by asking questions, mediating between opposing viewpoints, or ensuring that all participants' views are heard.

[French *faciliter*, from Old French, from Italian *facilitare*, from *facile*, facile, from Latin *facilis*; see [FACILE](#).]

fa·cil i·ta'tive (-tā'tīv) *adj.*

fa·cil i·ta'tor *n.*

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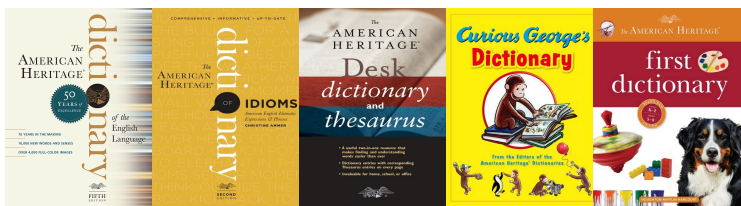
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