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dis·fig·ure  (dĭs-fĭg yər)

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tr.v. **dis·fig·ured**, **dis·fig·ur·ing**, **dis·fig·ures**

To mar or spoil the appearance or shape of; deform.

[Middle English *disfiguren*, from Old French *desfigurer* : *des-*, *dis-* + *figure*, figure (from Latin *figūra*, shape; see **dheigh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

dis·fig·u·ra tion, **dis·fig** ure-ment *n.*

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