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1.

a. To illustrate by example: *exemplify an argument*.

b. To serve as an example of: *scenes that exemplify the film director's style*.

2. *Law* To make a certified copy of (a document).

[Middle English *exemplifien*, from Old French *exemplifier*, from Medieval Latin *exemplificāre* : Latin *exemplum*, example; see [EXAMPLE](#) + Latin *-ficāre*, *-fy*.]

ex·em pli·fi'a·ble *adj.*

ex·em pli·fi'er *n.*

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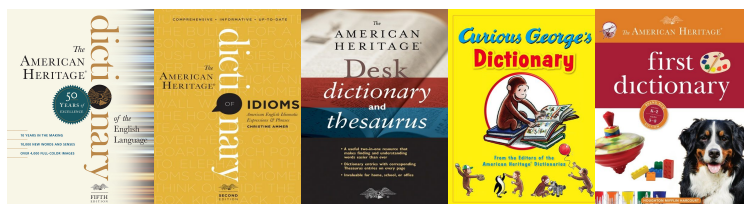
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