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v.tr.

1. To calm or placate (a person, for example).

2. To ease or relieve (pain, for example).

v.intr.

To bring comfort, composure, or relief.

[Middle English *sothen*, to verify, from Old English *sōthian*, from *sōth*, true; see **es-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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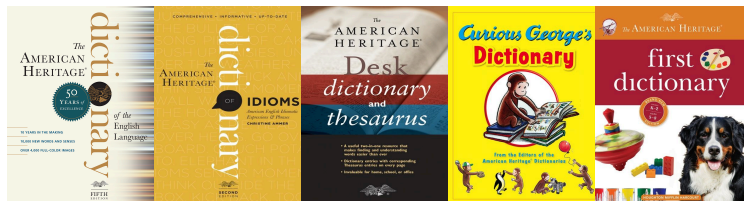
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