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re-solved re-solv-ing

Definition of RESOLVE

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transitive verb

- 1 obsolete : DISSOLVE, MELT
2 a : BREAK UP, SEPARATE <the prism resolved the light into a play of color>; also : to change by disintegration
b : to reduce by analysis <resolve the problem into simple elements>
c : to distinguish between or make independently visible adjacent parts of
d : to separate (a racemic compound or mixture) into the two components
3 : to cause resolution of (a pathological state)
4 a : to deal with successfully : clear up <resolve doubts> <resolve a dispute>
b : to find an answer to
c : to make clear or understandable
d : to find a mathematical solution of
e : to split up (as a vector) into two or more components especially in assigned directions
5 : to reach a firm decision about <resolve to get more sleep> <resolve disputed points in a text>
6 a : to declare or decide by a formal resolution and vote
b : to change by resolution or formal vote <the house resolved itself into a committee>
7 : to make (as voice parts) progress from dissonance to consonance
8 : to work out the resolution of (as a play)

intransitive verb

- 1 : to become separated into component parts; also : to

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