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verb (used with object), modified, modifying.

1. to change somewhat the form or qualities of; alter partially; amend:
to modify a contract.
2. *Grammar.* (of a word, phrase, or clause) to stand in a syntactically subordinate relation to (another word, phrase, or clause), usually with descriptive, limiting, or particularizing meaning; be a **modifier**. In *a good man*, *good* modifies *man*.
3. to be the modifier or attribute of.
4. to change (a vowel) by umlaut.
5. to reduce or lessen in degree or extent; moderate; soften:
to modify one's demands.

verb (used without object), modified, modifying.

6. to be or become modified.