modify  

[mod-uh-fahy]  

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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.