

soothe

[su:ð] *v*

1. успокаивать, утешать; умиротворять
to soothe a crying baby - успокоить плачущего ребёнка
2. умерять, смягчать
to soothe pain [suffering] - облегчить боль [страдание]
to soothe smb.'s anger - умерить чей-л. гнев
3. потакать, улаживать, поощрять; тешить
to soothe one's vanity - тешить чьё-л. тщеславие

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

soothe [soothe soothes soothed soothing] *BrE* [su:ð] *NAmE* [su:ð] *verb*

1. ~ **sb** to make sb who is anxious, upset, etc. feel calmer
Syn: ↑calm
• The music soothed her for a while.
2. ~ **sth** to make a **↑tense** or painful part of your body feel more comfortable

Syn: ↑relieve

- This should soothe the pain.
- Take a warm bath to soothe tense, tired muscles.

Derived Words ↑soothing ▪ ↑soothingly

Derived ↑soothe something away

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | soothe |
| | BrE /su:ð/ |
| | NAmE /su:ð/ |
| he / she / it | soothes |
| | BrE /su:ðz/ |
| | NAmE /su:ðz/ |
| past simple, past participle | soothed |
| | BrE /su:ðd/ |
| | NAmE /su:ðd/ |
| -ing form | soothing |
| | BrE /su:ðɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /su:ðɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Old English sōthian 'verify, show to be true', from sōth 'true', of Germanic origin. In the 16th cent. the verb passed through the senses 'corroborate (a statement)', 'humour (a person) by expressing agreement' and 'flatter by one's assent', which led to the senses 'mollify, appease' (late 17th cent.).

Example Bank:

- Her touch felt wonderfully soothing.
- There was something quite soothing about her being there.
- He placed an arm around her shoulder, and spoke in a soothing voice.

Example Bank:

- Only when Maisie came to hold him and soothe his fears did he feel safe.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

soothe /su:ð *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** sothian 'to prove the truth', from soth 'true']

1. to make someone feel calmer and less anxious, upset, or angry:
" Lucy soothed the baby by rocking it in her arms.
" She made a cup of tea to soothe her nerves.
2. (also **soothe something ↔ away**) to make a pain become less severe, or slowly disappear:
" I bought some lozenges to soothe my sore throat.
" Massage can gently soothe away your aches and pains.

—**soothing** *adjective:*

- " gentle, soothing music

—**soothingly** *adverb*

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