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## moodle, *v.*

(ˈmuːd(ə)l) [Origin unknown.]

*intr.* To dawdle aimlessly, to idle time away. Const. *about, on.*

**1893** G. B. SHAW *Music in London 1890–94* (1932) 116 The literary man..hardly able to believe that the conductor can be serious in keeping the band moodling on for forty-five mortal minutes before the singers get to business. **1921** — *Back to Methuselah* v. 223 That old one who saw you out of your shell has gone off to muddle about doing nothing. **1928** — *Intelligent Woman's Guide Socialism* lxix. 328 Napoleon often moodled about for a week at a time doing nothing but play with his children or read trash or waste his time helplessly.

