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intr.v. **ef·flo·resced**, **ef·flo·resc·ing**, **ef·flo·resc·es**

1. To blossom; bloom.
2. To develop or flourish: *when the arts effloresced*.
3. *Chemistry*
 - a. To become a powder by losing water of crystallization, as when a hydrated crystal is exposed to air.
 - b. To become covered with a powdery deposit.

[Latin *efflōrēscere* : *ex-*, *ex-* + *flōrēscere*, inchoative of *flōrēre*, to blossom (from *flōs*, *flōr-*, flower; see **bhel-**³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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