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adj.

1.
 - a. Able to express oneself readily and effortlessly: *a fluent speaker; fluent in three languages.*
 - b. Flowing effortlessly; polished: *speaks fluent Russian; gave a fluent performance of the sonata.*
2. Flowing or moving smoothly; graceful: *a yacht with long, fluent curves.*
3. Flowing or capable of flowing; fluid.

[Latin *fluēns*, *fluent-*, present participle of *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

flu en·cy *n.*

flu ent·ly *adv.*

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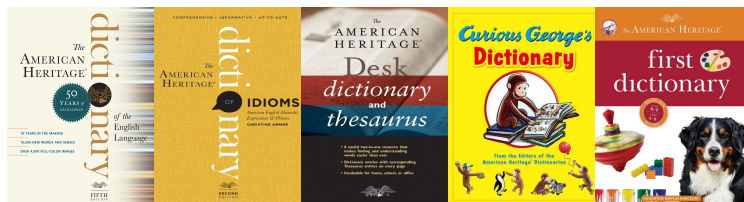
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