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n.

A continuous, amorphous substance whose molecules move freely past one another and that has the tendency to assume the shape of its container; a liquid or gas.

adj.

1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of a fluid.
2. Readily reshaped; pliable.
3. Smooth and flowing; graceful: *the fluid motion of a cat.*
4.
 - a. Changing or tending to change; variable: *a fluid situation fraught with uncertainty.*
 - b. Characterized by or allowing social mobility: *a fluid society.*
5. Convertible into cash: *fluid assets.*

[From Middle English, flowing, from Old French *fluide*, from Latin *fluidus*, from *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

flu·id **i·ty** (-ĭd ĭ-tē), **flu id·ness** *n.*

flu id·ly *adv.*

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