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flush¹  (flŭsh)

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v. flushed, flush·ing, flush·es

v.intr.

1. To turn red, as from fever, embarrassment, or strong emotion; blush.
2. To glow, especially with a reddish color: *The sky flushed pink at dawn.*
3. To flow suddenly and abundantly, as from containment; flood.
4. To be emptied or cleaned by a rapid flow of water, as a toilet.

v.tr.

1. To cause to redden or glow.
2. To excite or elate: *The team was flushed with the success of victory.*
3.
 - a. To clean, rinse, or empty with a rapid flow of a liquid, especially water: *flush a toilet; flush a wound with iodine.*
 - b. To drive away with a rapid flow of a liquid: *flush debris from a pipe.*
 - c. To remove or eliminate: *"The weakness in demand and productivity will at least ... flush out some of the inflation premium that has been built into interest rates" (Fortune).*

n.

1.
 - a. A flooding flow or rush, as of water.
 - b. The act of cleaning or rinsing by or as if by flushing.
2. A blush or glow: *"here and there a flush of red on the lip of a little cloud" (Willa Cather).*
3.
 - a. A reddening of the skin, as with fever, emotion, or exertion.
 - b. A brief sensation of heat over all or part of the body.
4. A rush of strong feeling: *a flush of pride.*
5. A state of great vigor or development. See Synonyms at [bloom](#)¹.

adj. flush·er, flush·est

1. Having a healthy reddish color; flushed.
2.
 - a. Having an abundant supply of something, especially money: *a business that is flush with profits; a crowd that was flush with excitement.*
 - b. Marked by abundance; plentiful: *flush times resulting from the oil boom.*
3.
 - a. Having surfaces in the same plane; even.
 - b. Arranged with adjacent sides, surfaces, or edges close together: *a sofa flush against the wall.* See Synonyms at [level](#).
 - c. *Printing* Aligned evenly with a margin, as along the left or right edge of a typeset page; not indented.
4. Direct, straightforward, or solid: *knocked out by a flush blow to the jaw.*
5. Designed to be emptied or cleaned by flushing: *a flush toilet.*

adv.

1. So as to be even, in one plane, or aligned with a margin.
2. Squarely or solidly: *The ball hit him flush on the face.*

[Probably from [FLUSH](#)³, to dart out.]

flush *er n.*
flush *ness n.*

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n.

Games

A hand in which all the cards are of the same suit but not in numerical sequence, ranked above a straight and below a full house in poker.

[French *flux*, *flus*, from Old French *flux*, from Latin *flŭxus*, flux; see [FLUX](#).]

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v. **flushed**, **flush·ing**, **flush·es**

v.tr.

1. To frighten (a game bird, for example) from cover.

2. To drive or force into the open: *The police fired tear gas to flush out the terrorists.*

v.intr.

To dart out or fly from cover.

n.

A bird or flock of birds that has been frightened from cover.

[Middle English *flusshen*.]

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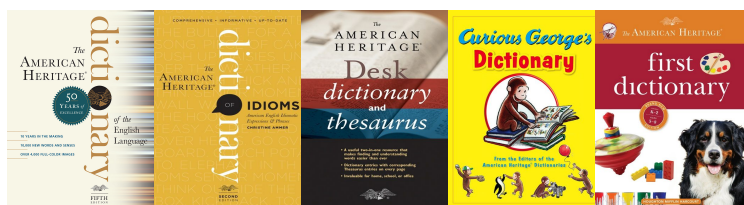
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