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adj.

1. Generously supplied with money, property, or possessions; prosperous or rich. See Synonyms at [rich](#).
2. Manifesting or requiring wealth: *affluent homes*; *affluent living*.
3. *Archaic* Flowing freely; copious.

n.

1. A stream or river that flows into a larger one; a tributary.
2. A person who is well-off financially: "*the so-called emerging affluents*" (Leslie Tweeton).
3. (*used with a pl. verb*) Wealthy people considered as a group. Often used with *the*.

[Middle English, abundant, flowing, from Old French, from Latin *affluēns*, *affluent-*, present participle of *affluere*, to abound in : *ad-*, *ad-* + *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

af flu·ent·ly *adv.*

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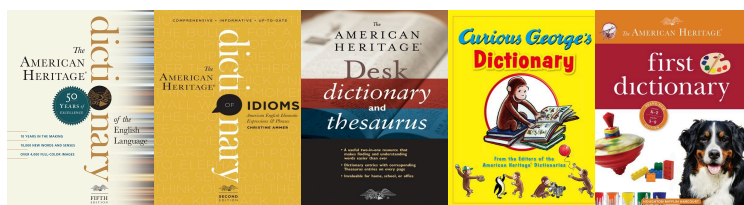
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