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adj.

Flowing out or forth.

n.

Something that flows out or forth, especially:

- a.** A stream flowing out of a body of water.
- b.** An outflow from a sewer or sewage system.
- c.** A discharge of liquid waste, as from a factory or nuclear plant.

[Middle English, from Latin *effluēns*, *effluent*-, present participle of *effluere*, to flow out : *ex*-, *ex*- + *fluere*, to flow; see **bhleu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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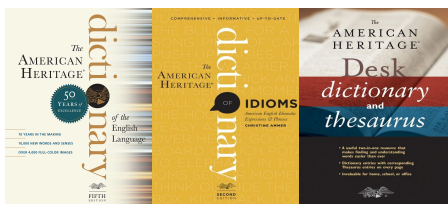
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