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n. pl. **ef·flu·vi·a** (-vĕ-ə) or **ef·flu·vi·ums**

1. A usually invisible emanation or exhalation, as of vapor or gas.
2.
 - a. A byproduct or residue; waste.
 - b. The odorous fumes given off by waste or decaying matter.
3. An impalpable emanation; an aura.

[Latin, from *effluere*, to flow out; see [EFFLUENT](#).]

ef·flu vi·al *adj.*

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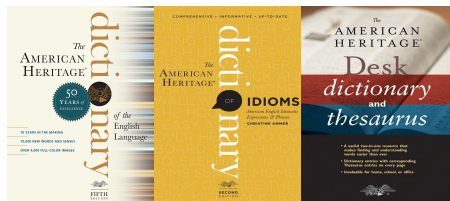
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