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ru·be·fa·cient  (r 'bə-fā shənt)

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adj.

Producing redness, as of the skin.

n.

A substance that irritates the skin, causing redness.

[Latin *rubefaciēns*, *rubefacient-*, present participle of *rubefacere*, to make red : *rubeus*, red; see **reudh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ru'be·fac tion (-fāk shən) *n.*

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