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adj.

Biology

Spreading out loosely: *an effuse thallus.*

v. (ĭ-fy z) **ef·fused**, **ef·fus·ing**, **ef·fus·es**

v.tr.

1. To pour out (a liquid).

2. To radiate; diffuse.

v.intr.

1. To spread or flow out.

2. To ooze forth; exude.

[Latin *effusus*, past participle of *effundere*, to pour out : *ex-*, *ex-* + *fundere*, to pour; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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