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tr.v. **in·fused, in·fus·ing, in·fus·es**

1. To put into or introduce as if by pouring: *infused new vigor into the movement.*
2. To fill or cause to be filled with something: *infused them with a love of the land.*
3. To steep or soak without boiling in order to extract soluble elements or active principles.
4. To flavor or scent (a liquid) by steeping ingredients in it: *"He would infuse ... vegetable oil with the pungent taste of scallions"* ([Nina Simonds](#)).
5. To introduce (a solution) into the body through a vein for therapeutic purposes.

[Middle English *infusen*, from Old French *infuser*, from Latin *īnfundere*, *īnfūs-* : *in-*, in; see [IN-](#)² + *fundere*, to pour; see [gheu-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in·fus *er n.*

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