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1. To coat or permeate with liquid, color, or light; suffuse.
2. To pour or diffuse (a liquid, for example) over or through something.

[Latin *perfundere*, *perfūs-*, to pour over : *per-*, *per-* + *fundere*, to pour; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

per·fu sive (pər-fy sĭv, -zĭv) *adj.*

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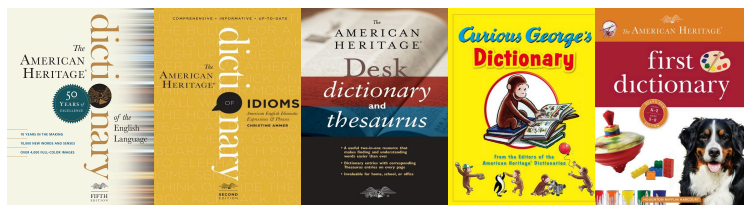
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