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

1. To spread through or over, as with liquid or light: *"The sky above the roof is suffused with deep colors" (Eugene O'Neill).*
2. To fill thoroughly or permeate, as with a quality or emotion: *music that is suffused with sadness.* See Synonyms at [imbue](#).

[Latin *suffundere*, *suffūs-* : *sub-*, *sub-* + *fundere*, to pour; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

suf·fu sion *n.*

suf·fu sive (-fy sīv, -zīv) *adj.*

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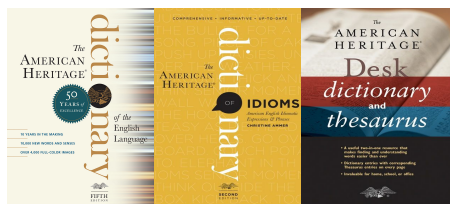
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