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adj.

1. Relating to an eccrine gland or its secretion, especially sweat.
2. Exocrine.

[From Greek *ekkrīnein*, to secrete : *ek-*, out; see [ECTO-](#) + *krīnein*, to separate; see **krei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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