

osmosis[ɒz'məʊsɪs] = *osmose*

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osmosis**os·mo·sis** [osmosis osmoses] *BrE* [ɒz'məʊsɪs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ɑːzɒmoʊsɪs] ^ˈ *s* noun**uncountable**

- 1.** (**biology** or **chemistry**) the gradual passing of a liquid through a **↑membrane** (= a thin layer of material) as a result of there being different amounts of dissolved substances on either side of the **membrane**
 - Water passes into the roots of a plant by osmosis.
- 2.** the gradual process of learning or being influenced by sth, as a result of being in close contact with it
 - As if by osmosis, the facts became clear over a period of time.

Derived Word **↑osmotic**Word Origin:mid 19th cent.: Latinized form of earlier *osmose*, from Greek *ōsmos* 'a push'.**osmosis**

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osmo[sis] /ɒz'məʊsəs, ɒz'məʊsɪs \$ ɑːzɒmoʊ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ noun [uncountable][Date: 1800-1900; Origin: *osmose* 'osmosis' (1800-1900) from Greek *osmos* 'push']

- 1.** if you learn facts or understand ideas by osmosis, you gradually learn them by hearing them often **by osmosis**
 - Children learn new languages by osmosis.
 - He seems to absorb information through a process of osmosis.

- 2.** *technical* the gradual process of liquid passing through a **↑membrane**

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