

**diffuse**

1. [dɪ'fju:s] *a*
  1. раскинувшийся, разбросанный
  2. 1) рассеянный (о свете и т. п.)
  - 2) *физ.* диффузный
  - 3) *мед.* разлитой, диффузный
  3. 1) многословный  
diffuse writer - многословный писатель
  - 2) болтливый, говорливый
2. [dɪ'fju:z] *v*
  1. 1) распространять  
to diffuse an odour - распространять запах  
to diffuse learning - распространять знания  
to diffuse kindness - излучать доброту
  - 2) распространяться
  - 3) распылять, рассыпать, разбрызгивать
  2. растрчивать, расходовать  
to diffuse one's strength - растратить силы
  3. широко раскидываться (о растении)
  4. *физ.*
    - 1) рассеивать (свет и т. п.)
    - 2) рассеиваться (о свете и т. п.)
    - 3) диффундировать (о газах и жидкостях)
    - 4) диспергировать; распылять

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**diffuse** [diffuse diffuses diffused diffusing] **adjective, verb**

**adjective** *BrE* [dɪ'fju:z] ; *NAmE* [dɪ'fju:z]

1. spread over a wide area
  - diffuse light
  - a diffuse community
2. not clear or easy to understand; using a lot of words
  - a diffuse style of writing

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **diffus-** 'poured out', from the verb **diffundere**, from **dis-** 'away' + **fundere** 'pour'; the adjective via French **diffus** or Latin **diffusus** 'extensive', from **diffundere**

Derived Words ↑diffusely ▪ ↑diffuseness ▪ ↑diffusion

**verb** *BrE* [dɪ'fju:z] ; *NAmE* [dɪ'fju:z]

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** (formal) to spread sth or become spread widely in all directions
  - The problem is how to diffuse power without creating anarchy.
  - Technologies diffuse rapidly.
2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** (technical) if a gas or liquid diffuses or is diffused in a substance, it becomes slowly mixed with that substance
3. **transitive ~ sth** (formal) to make light shine less brightly by spreading it in many directions
  - The moon was fuller than the night before, but the light was diffused by cloud.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	diffuse
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fju:z/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fju:z/
he / she / it	diffuses
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fju:zɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fju:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	diffused
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fju:zɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'fju:zɪd/
-ing form	diffusing
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'fju:zɪŋ/
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1. **diffuse** <sup>1</sup> /dɪ'fju:z/ *BrE* ; *AmE* ; **verb**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: diffuser, from Latin diffusus, past participle of diffundere 'to spread out']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to make heat, light, liquid etc spread through something, or to spread like this

diffuse through/into/across

The pollutants diffuse into the soil.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to spread ideas or information among a lot of people, or to spread like this:

Their ideas diffused quickly across Europe.

3. [transitive] to make a bad feeling or situation less strong or serious:

an attempt to diffuse his anger

—diffusion /dɪ'fjuʒən/ noun [uncountable]

II. diffuse<sup>2</sup> /dɪ'fjuːz BrE AmE adjective

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: diffusus; ⇨ ↑diffuse<sup>1</sup>]

1. spread over a large area:

The organization is large and diffuse.

2. using a lot of words and not explaining things clearly and directly:

His writing is diffuse and difficult to understand.

—diffuseness noun [uncountable]

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