

capillary action *(cap-il-lar-y-ac-tion)*

Definition

n. The ability of a liquid to flow in narrow spaces without the assistance of, or even in opposition to, external forces like gravity.

Example Sentence

Capillary action allows water to move through the tiny spaces in soil and plant roots.

More Example Sentences

The phenomenon of **capillary action** is essential for the movement of water in plants.

Synonyms

capillarity; wicking; surface tension

Antonyms

non-adhesion; non-cohesion; gravity-driven flow

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