

# 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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