

Oxford English Dictionary 1911-2011: “mucus”, “mucilage”, “mucin”

Year(Edition)	mucus		mucilage		mucin	
	Concise	Pocket	Concise	Pocket	Concise	Pocket
1911(C., 1st)	Slimy substance secreted by mucous membrane; gummy substance found in all plants; slimy substance exuded by some animals, esp. fishes. [L, cogn. w. emungere blow the nose, & Gk mussomai]		Viscous substance from various plants; gum; viscus fluid in animal bodies, e.g. mucus. So mucilaginous a. [F, f. LL mucilago -ginis (MUCUS)]			
1924(P., 1st)		Thick fluid secreted by mucous membrane. mucous a. (mucous membrane, skin lining the nose & other cavities of the body); mucosity n. [L]		Viscous substance extracted from plants; (shop name for) adhesive gum. [MUCUS]		
1929(C., 2nd)	“	“	“	“	“	“
1934(C., 3rd, P., 2nd)	“	“	“	“	“	“
1939(P., 3rd)		“		“		
1942(P., 4th)		“		“		
1951(C., 4th)	“		“			
1964(C., 5th)	Slimy substance secreted by mucous membrane; gummy substance found in all plants; slimy substance exuded by some animals, esp. fishes. [L, cogn. w. emungere blow the nose]		“			
1969(P., 5th)		“		Viscous substance extracted from plants; adhesive gum. [F f. L.(MUCUS)]		
1976(C., 6th)	Slimy substance secreted by mucous membrane; gummy substance found in all plants; slimy substance exuded by some animals, esp. fishes. [L]		Viscous substance obtained from plant seeds etc. by maceration; *solution of gum; so mucilaginous a. [ME f. F, f. LL mucilago -ginis musty juice (MUCUS)]			
1978(P., 6th)		slimy substance secreted by mucus membrane; mucous a. (mucous membrane, skin lining the nose & other cavities of the body); mucosity n. [L]		“		
1982(C., 7th)	“		“			
1984(P., 7th)		slimy substance secreted by mucous membrane. [L]		“		
1990(C., 8th)	1 a slimy substance secreted by a mucous membrane. 2 a gummy substance found in all plants. 3 a limy substance exuded by some animals, esp. fishes. [L]		1 a viscous substance obtained from plant seeds etc. by maceration. 2 US a solution of gum. mucilaginous [ME f. F, f. LL mucilago -ginis musty juice (MUCUS)]			
1992(P., 8th)		“		n. 1 viscous substance obtained from plants. 2 adhesive gum. [Latin: related to MUCUS]		
1995(C., 9th, P., 9th)	1 a slimy substance, usu. not miscible with water, secreted by a mucous membrane or gland. 2 a gummy substance found in plants. [Latin]	n. a slimy substance produced by the mucous membranes and glands of animals for lubrication, protection, etc. - ORIGIN Latin	1 a viscous or gelatinous solution obtained from plant roots, seeds, etc., used in medicines and adhesives. 2 N. Amer. a solution of gum. 3. a viscous secretion, e.g. mucus.	n. 1 a thick bodily fluid. 2 a thick or sticky solution extracted from plants, used in medicines and adhesives. - DERIVATIVES mucilaginous /mew-si-laj-in-uhs/ adj. - ORIGIN Latin mucilago 'musty juice'.		
1999(C., 10th)	1 a slimy substance secreted by a mucous membrane and glands of animals for lubrication, protection, etc. 2 mucilage from plants. - DERIVATIVES mucoid adj mucosity n. mucous adj - ORIGIN C17: from L.		1 a viscous secretion or bodily fluid. 2 a polysaccharide substance extracted as a viscous or gelatinous solution from plant roots, seeds, etc., uses in medicines and adhesives. 3 N. Amer. An adhesive solution; gum or glue. - DERIVATIVES mucilaginous - ORIGIN ME: via Fr. From late L. mucilage 'musty juice', from L. mucus (see MUCUS)		Biochemistry a glycoprotein constituent of mucus. - ORIGIN C19: from MUCUS + - IN	
2001(P., 10th)		“		n. 1 a thick bodily fluid. 2 a thick or sticky solution extracted from plants, used in medicines and adhesives. - DERIVATIVES mucilaginous /myoo-si-laj-i-nuhss/ adj. - ORIGIN Latin mucilago 'musty juice'.		
2004(C., 11th)	“		1 a viscous secretion or bodily fluid. 2 a viscous or gelatinous solution extracted from plants, used in medicines and adhesives. N. Amer. gum or glue. - DERIVATIVES mucilaginous -ORIGIN ME: via Fr. From late L. mucilage 'musty juice', from L. mucus (see MUCUS)		“	
2005(P., 11th)		“		“		
2011(C., 12th)	“		“		“	