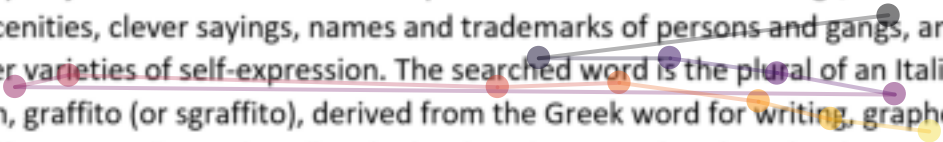


Anyone who has ridden the New York City subway system or traveled around in many major cities of the world is acquainted with it-crude drawings, written obscenities, clever sayings, names and trademarks of persons and gangs, and other varieties of self-expression. The searched word is the plural of an Italian term, graffito (or sgraffito), derived from the Greek word for writing, graphein. Graffito means "scratching," and it has long been used to describe these drawings.

A network diagram is overlaid on the text. It consists of several colored nodes (purple, red, orange, yellow, grey) connected by lines of various colors (purple, red, orange, yellow, grey). The nodes are positioned at various points across the text, with lines connecting them in a complex, web-like structure.