

A network diagram is overlaid on the text. It consists of numerous circular nodes in purple, pink, red, orange, and yellow, connected by thin lines of the same colors. The nodes are scattered across the text, with some appearing to highlight specific words or phrases. For example, a purple node is near 'New York City', a pink node is near 'system', a red node is near 'acquainted', an orange node is near 'names', and a yellow node is near 'Graphein'.

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.