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n. pl. **fe·al·ties**

1.
 - a. The fidelity owed by a vassal to his feudal lord.
 - b. The oath of such fidelity.
2. Allegiance. See Synonyms at [fidelity](#).

[Middle English *fealtye*, from Old French *fealte*, from Latin *fidēlitās*, faithfulness, from *fidēlis*, faithful, from *fidēs*, faith; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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