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1. Any of various shiny minerals composed chiefly of metallic sulfides.
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[German, from *blenden*, to deceive (because it resembles lead ore), from Middle High German *blenden*, from Old High German *blentan*, to blind, deceive; see **bhel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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