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n.

Used to distinguish a son from his father when they have the same given name.

[French, from Latin *filius*, son; see **dhē(i)-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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n. pl. fiłs

1. A unit of currency equal to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of the dinar in several countries of the Middle East.
2. A unit of currency equal to $\frac{1}{100}$ of the dirham in the United Arab Emirates.

[Arabic *fals*, *fiłs*, from Latin *foliis*, bellows, windbag, purse, piece of money; see **bhel-** ² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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