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fo·li·o  (fō lē-ō')

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n. pl. **fo·li·os**

1.

a. A large sheet of paper folded once in the middle, making two leaves or four pages of a book or manuscript.

b. A book or manuscript of the largest common size, usually about 38 centimeters (15 inches) in height, consisting of such folded sheets.

2.

a. A leaf of a book numbered only on the front side.

b. A number on such a leaf.

c. A page number.

3. *Law* A specific number of words used as a unit for measuring the length of the text of a legal document.

tr.v. **fo·li·oed**, **fo·li·o·ing**, **fo·li·os**

To number consecutively the pages or leaves of (a book, for example).

[Middle English, from Late Latin *foliō*, ablative of *folium*, leaf of paper, from Latin, leaf; see **bhel-**³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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