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**feuil·le·ton**  (fœ'yə-tôn )

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*n.*

1.

a. The part of a European newspaper devoted to light fiction, reviews, and articles of general entertainment.

b. An article appearing in such a section.

2.

a. A novel published in installments.

b. A light, popular work of fiction.

3. A short literary essay or sketch.

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[French, from *feuille*, sheet of paper, little leaf, diminutive of *feuille*, leaf, from Old French *foille*, from Latin *folium*; see *bhel*-<sup>3</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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**feuil'le·ton** **ism** (-tôn ȳz'əm, -tôn nȳz'-) *n.*

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