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n.

1. Any of various plants of the pea family, chiefly of the genera *Trifolium* and *Lotus*, having compound trifoliate leaves.
2. An ornament, symbol, or architectural form having the appearance of a trifoliate leaf.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *trifol*, from Latin *trifolium* : *tri-*, *tri-* + *folium*, leaf; see **bhel-**³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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