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par·a·pher·na·lia  (pă'r-ə-fər-nāl yə, -fə-nāl yə)

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pl.n. (used with a sing. or pl. verb)

1. The articles used in a particular activity; equipment: *a photographer's paraphernalia*. See Synonyms at [equipment](#).
2. *Law* Personal property used by a married woman that, although actually owned by her husband and subject to claims by his creditors, becomes her personal property after his death.

[Medieval Latin *paraphernālia*, neuter pl. of *paraphernālis*, pertaining to the *parapherna*, a married woman's property exclusive of her dowry, from Late Latin, from Greek : *para-*, beyond; see [PARA](#)-¹ + *phernē*, dowry; see **bher**-¹ in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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