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**fran·gi·ble**  (frăn jə-bəl)

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*adj.*

Capable of being broken; breakable. See Synonyms at [fragile](#).

[Middle English, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *frangibilis*, from Latin *frangere*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

**fran'gi·bil i·ty, fran gi·ble·ness** *n.*

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