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n.

1. Lentils, peas, or other legumes that have been dried, hulled, and split.
2. A thick South Asian stew made from such legumes with various seasonings.

[Hindi *dāl*, from Sanskrit *dalaḥ*, *dalam*, piece split off, from *dalati*, he splits; see **der-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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Dahl 🗣️ (däl), **Roald** 1916-1990.

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British fiction and screenplay writer best known for his children's books, including *James and the Giant Peach* (1961) and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964).

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