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fa·cade also **fa·cade**  (fə-sād)

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- n.*
1. The face of a building, especially the principal face.
 2. An artificial or deceptive front: *ideological slogans that were a façade for power struggles.*

[French, from Italian *facciata*, from *faccia*, face, from Vulgar Latin **facia*, from Latin *faciēs*; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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