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n. pl. fac·ul·ties

1.

a. An inherent power or ability: *the faculty of speech.*

b. A talent or natural ability for something: *has a wonderful faculty for storytelling.*

2.

a. (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*) The teachers and instructors of a school or college, or of one of its divisions, especially those considered permanent, full-time employees.

b. One of the divisions of a college or university: *the faculty of law.*

c. All of the members of a learned profession: *the medical faculty.*

3. Authorization granted by authority; conferred power.

4. *Archaic* An occupation; a trade.

[Middle English *faculte*, from Old French, from Latin *facultās*, power, ability, from *facilis*, easy; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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