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n. pl. fo·rums also *fo·ra* (fôr ə)

1.
 - a. The public square or marketplace of an ancient Roman city that was the assembly place for judicial activity and public business.
 - b. A public meeting place for open discussion.
 - c. A medium for open discussion or voicing of ideas, such as a newspaper, a radio or television program, or a website.
2. A public meeting or presentation involving a discussion usually among experts and often including audience participation.
3.
 - a. An area of legal authority; a jurisdiction.
 - b. A court of law or tribunal.

[Middle English, from Latin; see **dhwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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