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n.

1. A close-fitting jacket, with or without sleeves, worn by European men from the late 1300s to around 1650.

2.

a. A pair of similar or identical things.

b. A member of such a pair.

c. *Physics* A multiplet with two members.

3. *Linguistics* One of two words derived from the same historical source by different routes of transmission, such as *skirt* from Scandinavian and *shirt* from English.

4. An imitation gem composed of two parts, as of an inferior stone layered beneath a precious gem.

5. **doublets** *Games* A throw of two dice in which the same number of dots appears on the upper face of each.

[Middle English, from Old French, diminutive of *double*, double; see [DOUBLE](#).]

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