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suff.

Little one: *devilkin*.

[Middle English, probably from Middle Dutch *-kijn*, *-kin*.]

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kin  (kĭn)

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n.

1.

a. (*used with a pl. verb*) One's relatives or family: *visited my aunt and her kin*.

b. A relative or family member: *Is she kin of yours?*

2. (*used with a pl. verb*) Organisms that are genetically related to another or others: *cauliflower and its kin*.
adj.

1. Related genetically or in the same family.

2. Related or similar; akin: *"If he feels a wisp of longing for her ... it is kin to what the serpent must have felt for Eve"* (Barbara Klein Moss).

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

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