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British nurse who organized and directed a unit of field nurses during the Crimean War (1853-1856) and is considered the founder of modern nursing.



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Florence Nightingale

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night-in·gale  (nīt n-gāl', nī tīng-)

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n.

1. A songbird (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) of Eurasia and Africa with reddish-brown plumage, noted for the melodious song of the male during the breeding season, most often heard at night.
2. Any of various other songbirds of the genus *Luscinia*.

[Middle English, from Old English *nihtegale* : *niht*, night; see [NIGHT](#) + *galan*, to sing; see **ghel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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