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for·ni·cate  (fôr nĭ-kāt')

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intr.v. **for·ni·cat·ed**, **for·ni·cat·ing**, **for·ni·cates**
To commit fornication.

[Late Latin *fornicārī*, *fornicāt-*, from *fornix*, *fornic-*, vault, vaulted cellar, brothel; see **g^wher-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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