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fil·let  (fĭl ăt)

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n.

1. A narrow strip of ribbon or similar material, often worn as a headband.

2. also **fi·let** (fĭ-lā , fĭl ā')

a. A strip or compact piece of boneless meat or fish, especially the beef tenderloin.

b. A boneless strip of meat rolled and tied, as for roasting.

3. *Architecture*

a. A thin flat molding used as separation between or ornamentation for larger moldings.

b. A ridge between the indentations of a fluted column.

4. A narrow decorative line impressed onto the cover of a book.

5. *Heraldry* A narrow horizontal band placed in the lower fourth area of the chief.

6. *Anatomy* A loop-shaped band of fibers, such as the lemniscus.

tr.v. **fil·let·ed**, **fil·let·ing**, **fil·lets**

1. To bind or decorate with or as if with a fillet.

2. also **fi·let** (fĭ-lā , fĭl ā') To slice, bone, or make into fillets.

[Middle English *filet*, from Old French, diminutive of *fil*, thread, from Latin *filum*; see **g^{wh}hī-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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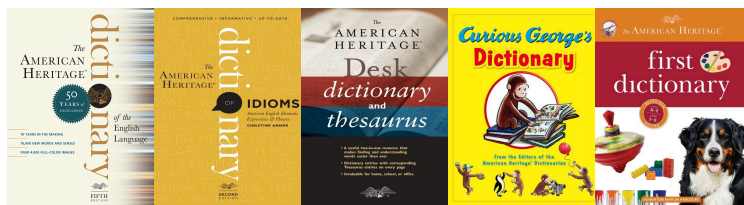
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