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for·ty  (fôr tē)

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n. pl. **for·ties**

1. The cardinal number equal to 4×10 .

2. **forties**

a. A decade or the numbers from 40 to 49: *They stopped smoking in their forties. At night the temperature fell into the forties.*

b. often **Forties** The decade from 40 to 49 in a century.

[Middle English, from Old English *fēowertig*; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

for ty *adj. & pron.*

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