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n.

A period of 14 days; two weeks.

[Middle English *fourtenight*, alteration of *fourtene night*, fourteen nights : Old English *fēowertēne*, fourteen; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Old English *niht*, night; see **nok^wt-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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