

**filial** (say fil- ee- al) *ADJECTIVE*

(formal) to do with a son or daughter

**WORD HISTORY** from Latin *filius* 'son', or *filia* 'daughter'**filibuster** *VERB* **filibusters, filibustering, filibustered**

to try to delay or prevent the passing of a law by making long speeches

▷ **filibuster** *NOUN***WORD HISTORY** from Dutch *vrijbuitter* 'pirate'**filigree** *NOUN*

delicate lace-like decoration made from twisted metal wire

**WORD HISTORY** from Latin words *filum* 'thread' and *granum* 'grain'**filings** *PLURAL NOUN*

tiny pieces of iron or other metal rubbed off by a file

**fill** *VERB* **fills, filling, filled**

1 to make something full, or to become full

2 to block up a hole or cavity

3 to fill a post is to appoint a person to a vacant post

to **fill someone in** (informal) is to give them the information they needto **fill something in** to fill in a form is to put answers or other information into it**fill** *NOUN*to **eat your fill** is to eat enough to make you feel full**filler** *NOUN* **fillers**

a substance used to fill a hole or gap or to make something more bulky

**fillet** *NOUN* **fillets**

a piece of fish or meat with the bones taken out

**fillet** *VERB* **fillets, filleting, filleted**

to remove the bones from fish or meat

**filling** *NOUN* **fillings**

1 something used to fill a hole or gap, e.g. in a tooth

2 an ingredient inside a pie, or between layers of bread to make a sandwich

**filling station** *NOUN* **filling stations**

a place where petrol is sold from pumps

**filly** *NOUN* **fillies**

a young female horse

**WORD HISTORY** from Old Norse *fylja***film** *NOUN* **films**

1 a story or event recorded by a camera as a series of moving images and shown in a cinema or on television, video, or DVD

2 a rolled strip or sheet of thin plastic coated with material that is sensitive to light, used for taking photographs or cinema images

3 a very thin layer or coating of a substance

♦ *Devastating scenes of marine life dying under a film of oil were broadcast around the world.***film** *VERB* **films, filming, filmed**

1 to record a story or event on film

2 to record an actor or their performance on film

**WORD HISTORY** from Old English *filmen* 'thin skin'**filmy** *ADJECTIVE* **filmier, filmiest**

a filmy coating or material is thin and almost transparent

▷ **filminess** *NOUN***filo** (say fee- loh) *NOUN*

a paper-thin pastry that is wrapped around food in layers, used especially in Greek cooking

**filter** *NOUN* **filters**

1 a device for holding back dirt or other unwanted material from a liquid or gas that passes through it

2 a traffic signal which allows one lane of traffic to move or turn while other lanes are held up

**filter** *VERB* **filters, filtering, filtered**

1 to pass a substance through a filter

2 light filters through a window, or into a room, when it passes slowly and gently through or into it

3 a group of people filter into or out of a place when they enter or leave it gradually and separately, not as a crowd ♦ *They filtered into the hall.*4 information filters in or out when it gradually accumulates or emerges ♦ *News began to filter out.*

5 traffic filters when a traffic signal allows it to move or turn while other lanes are held up

**filth** *NOUN*

disgusting dirt

**filthy** *ADJECTIVE* **filthier, filthiest**

1 disgustingly dirty

2 obscene or offensive

▷ **filthily** *ADVERB*▷ **filthiness** *NOUN***fin** *NOUN* **fins**

1 a thin flat part sticking out from a fish's body, that helps it to swim

2 a flat part that sticks out from an aircraft or rocket and helps it to balance

**final** *ADJECTIVE*

1 coming at the end; last

2 a final word or statement is one that puts an end to an argument

▷ **finally** *ADVERB*▷ **finality** *NOUN***final** *NOUN* **finals**

1 the last in a series of contests

2 finals are the examinations held at the end of a degree course

▷ **finalist** *NOUN***WORD HISTORY** from Latin *finis* 'end'