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: a small closed or closable vessel especially for liquids



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Etymology

Middle English *firole*, *viole*, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *fiola*, alteration of Latin *phiala* — more at [phial](#)

First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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→ called also phial

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