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orse. man oper.
people to walk

the flat oval plate
the oval window
platform for the
as adj.] denoting
ing trains, as op-

l to the amount
of 1 foot.

a system of
ind, and second

ression left by a
face. **2** the area
ar: ■ the area in
articular source
p on a surface by
he area beneath
s affected by its
nd taken up by a

or the feet or a

h the lower edge
yard on which a
efing a sail.

ie feet in hoofed
ia belong to the
■ any of a num-
which the base of

term for **FTSE**
n of **FTSE**, influ-

formal the action
with one's own
ful expression of
ous diminutive of

one's feet in such
close but covert
was playing foot-

-slog-ging) (in-
a long dis-
tagged

2. ening an
foo yong /'foʊ
made with egg as a main ing-
(Cantonese dialect) **foō yung**, literally 'hibiscus.'

foozle /'foʊzəl/ informal ► n. a clumsy or botched at-
tempt at something, esp. a shot in golf.

► v. [trans.] botch; bungle: [as adj.] (**foozled**) sliced ap-
proach shots and fozzled putts. ► mid 19th cent.: from
German dialect **fuseln** 'work badly'; compare with

FUSEL OIL.

fop /fəp/ ► n. a man who is concerned with his clothes
and appearance in an affected and excessive way; a
dandy. ► late **Middle English** (in the sense 'fool'):
perhaps related to **FOB**². — **fop-per-y** /'fəpərə/ n.

— **fop-pish-ly** adv. — **fop-pish-ness** n.

for /fɔː; fər/ ► prep. **1** in support of or in favor of (a per-
son or policy): they voted for independence in a referen-
dum. **2** affecting, with regard to, or in respect of
(someone or something): she is responsible for the effi-
cient running of their department | the demand for money.

3 on behalf of or to the benefit of (someone or
something): these parents aren't speaking for everyone.
■ employed by: it was a good firm to work for. **4** having
(the thing mentioned) as a purpose or function: she
is searching for enlightenment | the necessary tools for mak-

ing a picture frame. **5** having (the thing mentioned)
as a reason or cause: Aileen is proud of her family for
their support | I could dance and sing for joy. **6** having
(the place mentioned) as a destination: they are leav-

ing for Swampscott tomorrow. **7** representing (the
thing mentioned): the "F" is for Fascinating. **8** in place
of or in exchange for (something): swap these two bot-

tles for that one. ■ charged as (a price): copies are avail-
able for only a buck. **9** in relation to the expected
norm of (something): she was tall for her age | warm
weather for this time of year. **10** indicating the length
of (a period of time): he was in prison for 12 years | I
haven't seen him for some time. **11** indicating the ex-

tent of (a distance): he crawled for 300 yards. **12** indi-
cating an occasion in a series: the camcorder failed for
the third time.

► conj. poetic/literary because; since: he felt guilty, for he
knew that he bore a share of responsibility for Fanny's
death. ► Old English, probably a reduction of a Ger-
manic preposition meaning 'before' (in place or
time); related to German **für**, also to **FORE**.

► **PHRASES** ■ **be for it** Brit., informal be in imminent
danger of punishment or other trouble. ■ **for all** —
see **ALL**. ■ **for** mal for

they die, their
sediments. See also c
ferida, phylum Rhizo
19th cent.: from Lat
MEN) + -fer 'bearing' (
nif-er-al /fə,ramə'nifə
,ramə'nifərən/ n. & ac
'nifərəs/ adj.

for'ard /'fɔːrəd; 'fār-
ing of **FORWARD**, us
nunciation.

for-as-much as /fə
cause; since: forasm
could Arthur be retur
much, translating
much as.'

for-as-te-ro /fɔːrə'st
-ros) a cacao tree o
vides the bulk of
19th cent.: from S
the tree was imp
West Indies, as di
variety.

for-ay /'fɔːr,ā; 'fār,ā
into enemy terri
raid: the garrison
figurative he made
to become invol
first foray into jou
► v. [intrans.] make
they were forbidd
formation from
Old French for
FORAGE). — **for**
forb /fɔːb/ ► n. E
other than a gr
der,' from phor
for-bade /fər'ba
FORBID.

for-bear /fər'be
[intrans.] poetic
restrain an im
forbore from to
estly forbears t
from doing c
forbear a smi
BEAR¹). The o
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