vial noun

vi·al ˈvī(-ə)l

: a small closed or closable vessel especially for liquids

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Intravenous drugs are typically stored in ***vials*** until needed, at which point they're transferred to hypodermic needles.

– *New Atlas*, 22 Oct. 2024

Instead of its traditional injection pen products that cost more than $1,000 for a month's supply, this product comes in ***vials*** that patients draw up and inject themselves.

– C. Michael White / The Conversation, *Quartz*, 21 Oct. 2024

Flashback: During the pandemic, clinics wasted millions of COVID-19 vaccine doses because they were packaged in multi-dose ***vials*** that providers couldn't use up.

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Etymology

Middle English *fiole, 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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The first known use of *vial* was in the 14th century

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: a small container (as for medicines) made usually of glass or plastic

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