

# Nota Bene: F

## F

**fabulist:** a liar  
**facet:** a component or aspect  
**facetious:** humorous in a mocking way; not serious  
**facilitate:** to make easier or to moderate  
**facsimile:** a close imitation  
**fait accompli:** something undertaken and already concluded  
**fallacy:** an error in reasoning or a mistaken inference  
**fastidious:** attentive to detail or issues of propriety  
**fatuous:** stupid or foolish  
**faux pas:** a social error  
**fawn:** to flatter in a particularly subservient manner  
**fealty:** loyalty  
**febrile:** feverish  
**feckless:** ineffective or feeble  
**feint:** a bluff; a mock blow  
**felicity:** bliss, extreme happiness  
**feral:** wild and uncontrolled  
**ferret:** to bring to light by an extensive search  
**fervent:** ardent and enthusiastic  
**festina lente:** make haste slowly  
**fetid:** smelly  
**fiasco:** an utter and pathetic failure  
**fiat:** an arbitrary pronouncement; a decree  
**fidelity:** faithfulness to duties  
**fille de chambre** (French): a chambermaid.  
**finesse:** skillful maneuvering; delicate workmanship  
**finis:** end  
**flaunt:** to display in an ostentatious way  
**flout:** to brazenly or openly break a law, regulation, or tradition fledgling: young or inexperienced  
**flim-flam:** a swindle  
**flippant:** showing an inappropriate disregard for decorum; disrespectful florid: flowery, fancy; reddish  
**fluctuation:** a shifting back and forth  
**flux:** ongoing or continuous flow  
**foible:** fault or character flaw  
**foist:** to pawn off  
**foil:** to thwart or frustrate  
**foment:** to rouse or incite  
**forestall:** to hinder or prevent by taking action in advance  
**fortiter in re:** with firmness in acting  
**fop:** a dandy  
**foray:** an initial try  
**formidable:** capable of inspiring fear or respect  
**fortes fortuna juvat:** fortune favors the brave  
**fortuitous:** accidental; lucky or fortunate  
**foster:** to nurture or encourage  
**fracas:** a noisy fight; a brawl

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**fractious:** unruly; likely to cause disturbance or trouble

**fratricide:** the act of killing a brother

**frivolity:** unworthy of serious note; insubstantial

**fruition:** the achievement of something desired; that which has arisen from development, possession, use, or effort

**fulminate:** to explode

**functionary:** someone holding office in a political part or government

**funereal:** reminiscent of a funeral

**furtive:** stealthy

**futility:** characterized by uselessness

**fuzzy logic:** a kind of logic in which sentences take truth values that may be any number between 0 and 1