

18.8 Optional: Just for fun. History, and etymology of force.

Each English word below contain the Latin phrase *Fortis* (“strong”).

Word	Description
Fort	From circa 1300 French and Latin (now English) word for strong place.
Force	From circa 1375 French and Latin (now English) word for “body of armed men”.
Fortissimo	Italian musical word meaning strong or loud (opposite of pianissimo).
Forte	English word for strength or talent, e.g., science and math were Euler’s forte .
Fuerte	Spanish word for strong.
Comfort	To help, encourage, support, and strengthen another person.
Comforter	Word introduced in 1832 meaning “quilted blanket”.
Fortified	Many cereals are said to fortified with vitamins and minerals.
Intestinal fortitude	Related to stomach strengths or guts.
Enforce	Police enforce the law.
Effort	Swimming upstream requires significant effort .
May the force be with you	Similar to “Goodbye” (God be with ye). Yoda to Luke Skywalker in Star Wars.
Force	The \vec{F} in $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$.

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