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[**vee**-i-kuh l or, sometimes, **vee**-hi-]

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Word Origin

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noun

1. any means in or by which someone travels or something is carried or conveyed; a means of conveyance or transport:
a motor vehicle; space vehicles.
2. a conveyance moving on wheels, runners, tracks, or the like, as a cart, sled, automobile, or tractor.
3. a means of transmission or passage:
Air is the vehicle of sound.
4. a carrier, as of infection.
5. a medium of communication, expression, or display:
The novel is a fitting vehicle for his talents. Language is the vehicle of thought.
6. *Theater, Movies.* a play, screenplay, or the like, having a role suited to the talents of and often written for a specific performer.
7. a means of accomplishing a purpose:
College is a vehicle for success.

Origin of vehicle

Latin (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/latin>)

1605-15; < Latin *vehiculum*, equivalent to *veh* (*ere*) to convey + *-i-* *-i-* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/-i->) + *-culum* *-cle* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/-cle>)²

Pronunciation note

Because the primary stress in *vehicle* is on the first syllable, the [h] (Show IPA) in the second syllable tends to disappear: [**vee**-i-kuh l] . A pronunciation with primary stress on the second syllable and a fully pronounced [h] is usually considered nonstandard: [vee-**hik**-uh l] . In the adjective *vehicular*, where the primary stress is normally on the second syllable, the [h] is always pronounced.

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Contemporary Examples

But Roth invests little interest in this man except as a foil for Bucky and a *vehicle* for his story.

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 Philip Roth's Flybabe Novel (source=dictionary)
 Morris Dickstein (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/morris-dickstein.html?source=dictionary>)
 October 1, 2010

She says when she was dragged into a *vehicle* she told soldiers: "Take your hands off me."

(<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/02/26/egypts-military-uses-force-honeymoons-over.html?source=dictionary>)
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 February 25, 2011

"I could see that the *vehicle* was occupied by two persons in the front seat," he would later write.

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British Dictionary definitions for vehicle

vehicle

/ˈviːɪkəl/

noun

1. any conveyance in or by which people or objects are transported, esp one fitted with wheels
2. a medium for the expression, communication, or achievement of ideas, information, power, etc
3. (**pharmacol**) a therapeutically inactive substance mixed with the active ingredient to give bulk to a medicine

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Word Origin and History for vehicle

n.

1610s, "a medium through which a drug or medicine is administered," also "any means of conveying or transmitting," from French *véhicule*, from Latin *vehiculum* "means of transport, a vehicle," from *vehere* "to carry," from PIE **wegh-* "to go, transport in a vehicle" (cf. Old English *wegan* "to carry;" Old Norse *vegr*, Old High German *weg* "way;" Middle Dutch *wagen* "wagon;" see wagon (/browse/wagon)). Sense of "cart or other conveyance" first recorded 1650s.

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vehicle in Medicine

vehicle ve·hi·cle (vē'ī-kəl)

n.

A substance of no therapeutic value that is used to convey an active medicine for administration.

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