

# “Head”

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: the upper or anterior division of the animal body that contains the brain, the chief sense organs, and the mouth

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a : the seat of the intellect : mind <two heads are better than one>

b : a person with respect to mental qualities <let wiser heads prevail>

c : natural aptitude or talent <a good head for figures>

d : mental or emotional control : poise <a level head>

e : headache

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: the obverse of a coin —usually used in plural

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a : person, individual <count heads>

b plural head : one of a number (as of domestic animals)

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a : the end that is upper or higher or opposite the foot <the head of the table> <head of a sail>

b : the source of a stream

c : either end of something (as a drum) whose two ends need not be distinguished

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: director, leader: as

a : headmaster

b : one in charge of a division or department in an office or institution

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a : capitulum 2

b : the foliated part of a plant especially when consisting of a compact mass of leaves or close fructification <a head of lettuce>

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a : the leading element of a military column or a procession

b : headway

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a : the uppermost extremity or projecting part of an object : top

b : the striking part of a weapon, tool, or implement

c : the rounded proximal end of a long bone (as the humerus)

d : the end of a muscle nearest the origin

e : the oval part of a printed musical note

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a : a body of water kept in reserve at a height; also : the containing bank, dam, or wall

b : a mass of water in motion

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a : the difference in elevation between two points in a body of fluid

b : the resulting pressure of the fluid at the lower point expressible as this height; broadly : pressure of a fluid

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a : the bow and adjacent parts of a ship

b : a ship's toilet; broadly : toilet 3

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: the approximate length of the head of a horse <won by a head>

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: the place of leadership, honor, or command <at the head of her class>

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a (1) : a word or series of words often in larger letters placed at the beginning of a passage or at the top of a page in order to introduce or categorize (2) : a separate part or topic

b : a portion of a page or sheet that is above the first line of printing

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: the foam or scum that rises on a fermenting or effervescing liquid (as beer)

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a : the part of a boil, pimple, or abscess at which it is likely to break

b : culminating point of action : crisis <events came to a head>

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a : a part or attachment of a machine or machine tool containing a device (as a cutter or drill); also : the part of an apparatus that performs the chief function or a particular function

b : an electromagnet used as a transducer in magnetic recording for recording on, reading, or erasing a magnetic medium (as tape or a disk)

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: an immediate constituent of a construction that can have the same grammatical function as the whole (as man in “an old man”, “a very old man”, or “the man in the street”)

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a : one who uses a drug —often used in combination <pothead>

b : a devoted enthusiast : aficionado —often used in combination <computerhead>

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: often vulgar : fellatio, cunnilingus —usually used with give

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