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o·vate  (ō vāt')

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adj.

1. Shaped like an egg.
2. *Botany* Shaped like an egg and flat, with the broad end toward the base: *an ovate leaf*.

[Latin *ōvātus*, from *ōvum*, egg; see **awi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

o vate'ly *adv.*



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ovate

ovate leaf

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