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n. pl. o·va (ō və)

The mature female gamete of an animal; an egg.

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

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