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1. A plant with a specified character or habitat: *halophyte*.
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3. A pathological growth: *osteophyte*.

[From Greek *phuton*, plant, from *phuein*, to make grow; see **bheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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