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n. pl. **e·piph·y·ses** (-sēz')

1. The end of a long bone that is originally separated from the main bone by a layer of cartilage but later becomes united to the main bone through ossification.
2. See [pineal gland](#).

[Greek *epiphysis*, an excrescence : *epi-*, *epi-* + *physis*, growth; see **bheuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ep'i·phys i·al (ěp'ə-fĩz ē-əl), **ep'i·phys e·al** *adj.*

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