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n. pl. **ha·rus·pi·ces** (hə-rūs pĭ-sēz') also **a·rus·pi·ces** (ə-rūs pĭ-sēz')

A priest in ancient Rome who practiced divination by the inspection of the entrails of animals.

[Latin; see **ghera-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ha·rus pi·cate' (-pĭ-kāt') *v.*

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