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interj.

Used to express acclamation, salute, or applause.

[Italian and Spanish, (long) live, both from Latin *vīvat*, third person sing. present subjunctive of *vīvere*, to live; see **g^wei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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