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e·pib·o·ly  (ĭ-pĭb ə-lē)

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n.

The growth of a rapidly dividing group of cells around a more slowly dividing group of cells, as in the formation of a gastrula.

[Greek *epibolē*, a throwing or laying on, from *epiballein*, to throw on : *epi-*, *epi-* + *ballein*, to throw; see **g^welə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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