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n.

A yellow, white, or colorless crystalline mineral of barium sulfate, BaSO₄, that is used in paint and as the chief source of barium chemicals. Also called *heavy spar*.

[Greek *barus*, heavy; see **g^wera-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **-ite**¹.]

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