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n.

Any of numerous small marine or freshwater crustaceans of the subclass Copepoda, including parasitic and free-living forms.

[From New Latin *Cōpēpoda*, order name : Greek *kōpē*, oar; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + New Latin *-poda*, -pod.]

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