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n. pl. ca·pit·u·la (-lə)

1. A compact cluster of sessile flowers, often surrounded by involucre bracts, as of daisies and other composite plants.
2. A small knob or head-shaped part, such as a protuberance of a bone or the tip of an insect's antenna.

[Latin, diminutive of *caput*, *capit-*, head; see **kaput-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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