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A small movable bar placed across the fingerboard of a guitar or similar instrument so as to raise the pitch of all the strings uniformly.

[Italian *capo* (*di tastiera*), head (of the fingerboard), from Latin *caput*; see **kaput-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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ca·po²  (kā pō, kăp ō)

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n. pl. ca·pos

The head of a branch of an organized crime syndicate.

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