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n.

1. Abbr. cal Any of several approximately equal units of heat, each measured as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1°C at 1 atmosphere pressure. Also called *gram calorie*, *small calorie*.

2. Abbr. cal The unit of heat equal to $\frac{1}{100}$ the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water from 0 to 100°C at 1 atmosphere pressure. Also called *mean calorie*.

3.

a. Abbr. Cal The unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1°C at 1 atmosphere pressure. Also called *kilocalorie*, *kilogram calorie*, *large calorie*.

b. A unit of energy-producing potential equal to this amount of heat that is contained in food and released upon oxidation by the body. Also called *nutritionist's calorie*.

[French, from Latin *calor*, heat; see [CALORIC](#).]

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