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cal·o·re·cep·tor  (kăl'ə-rĭ-sĕp tər)

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n.
A sensory receptor that detects warmth.

[Latin *calor*, heat; see **kela-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [RECEPTOR](#).]

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