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n.

Any of numerous mostly aquatic organisms in the group Heterokonta, having zoospores or other swimming cells usually with a pair of flagella, one of which has brush-like extensions, and whose photosynthetic members have a distinctive form of chlorophyll. Heterokonts include the brown algae, chrysophytes, diatoms, and oomycetes. Also called *stramenopile*.

[New Latin *Heterokonta*, taxon name : Greek *hetero-*, hetero- + Greek *kontos*, punting pole, goad (in reference to the pair of flagella); see **kent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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