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cor·y·phae·us  (kôr'ə-fē əs, kŏr'-)

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n. pl. cor·y·phae·i (-fē ī')

1. The leader of a Greek chorus.
2. A leader or spokesperson.

[Latin, leader, from Greek *koruphaios*, from *koruphē*, head; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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