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n. pl. cerastes

Either of two venomous snakes of the genus *Cerastes* that have a hornlike projection over each eye, including the horned viper.

[Middle English, from Latin *cerastēs*, from Greek *kerastēs*, horned serpent, from *keras*, horn; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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