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Any of various herbivorous quadrupedal ornithischian dinosaurs of the group Ceratopsia of the Cretaceous Period, having a beaked mouth, usually a bony frill on the back of the skull, and sometimes horns.

[From New Latin *Cerātōpsia*, suborder name : Greek *keras*, *kerāt-*, horn; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *ōps*, eye, face; see **ok**^w- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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