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n.

1. Any of various annual cereal grasses of the genus *Triticum* of the Mediterranean region and southwest Asia, especially *T. aestivum*, widely cultivated in temperate regions in many varieties for its commercially important edible grain.
2. The grain of any of these grasses, ground to produce flour used in breads, pasta, and other foods.

[Middle English *whete*, from Old English *hwæte*; see **kweit-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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