

# Footnote On Zeno

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Coryphaeus:

Etymology

Borrowed from Latin coryphaeus, from Ancient Greek κορυφαῖος (koruphaîos, “leader of the chorus in an Ancient Greek drama”), from κορυφή (koruphḗ, “top of the head, crown”) (possibly ultimately from Proto-Indo-European \*kerh₂- (“head, top; horn”)) + -ῖος (-îos, suffix forming adjectives meaning ‘belonging to, pertaining to’).

coryphaeus (plural coryphaeuses or coryphaei)

(Ancient Greece, drama, historical) The conductor or leader of the chorus of a drama.

Synonym: coryphée

(by extension) The chief or leader of an interest or party.

Synonyms: coryphe, coryphée

The leader of an opera chorus or another ensemble of singers.