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fold [paleont]. (a) A major rounded elevation on the surface of a brachiopod valve (generally the *brachial valve*), externally convex in transverse profile and radial from the *umbo*, and usually median in position. It is typically associated with the *sulcus*. Cf: *carina*. (b) A spirally wound ridge on the interior of the wall of a gastropod shell; e.g. *columellar fold* and *parietal fold*.

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