

Definition of *troglogyte*

1 : a member of any of various peoples (as in antiquity) who lived or were reputed to live chiefly in caves

2 : a person characterized by reclusive habits or outmoded or reactionary attitudes

Synonyms for *troglogyte*

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- [caveman](#),
- [Neanderthal](#)

Did You Know?

Peer into the etymological cave of *troglogyte* and you'll find a *trōglē*. But don't be afraid. *Trōglē* may sound like a scary cave-dwelling ogre, but it's actually just a perfectly unimposing Greek root that means "hole" or "cave." Is *troglogyte* the only English word to have descended from *trōglē*? Not exactly. *Troglogyte* and its related adjective *troglogytic* (meaning "of, related to, or being a troglodyte") are the only *trōglē* offspring that are widely used in general English contexts, but another *trōglē* progeny, the prefix *troglo-*, meaning "cave-dwelling," is used in scientific contexts to form words like *troglobiont* ("an animal living in or restricted to caves").

Examples of *troglogyte* in a Sentence

the *troglogytes* who believed that women had no place in the military, except perhaps as nurses

First Known Use of *troglogyte*

1555, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

History and Etymology for *troglogyte*

Latin *troglogytae*, plural, from Greek *trōglodytai*, from *trōglē* hole, cave (akin to Greek *trōgein* to gnaw, Armenian *aracem* I lead to pasture, graze) + *dyein* to enter