## neanderthal

### Ne•an•der•thal [Neanderthal Neanderthals] BrE [ni<sup>+</sup>ændəta] NAmE

#### [ni'ændərta] (also neanderthal) adjective

- 1. used to describe a type of human being who used stone tools and lived in Europe during the early period of human history Neanderthal man
- · a Neanderthal axe
- 2. (disapproving) very old-fashioned and not wanting any change
- · neanderthal attitudes
- 3. (disapproving) (of a man) unpleasant, rude and not behaving in a socially acceptable way Derived Word <sup>↑</sup>Neanderthal

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from Neanderthal, the name of a region in Germany, where remains of Neanderthal man were found.

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- [Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Neanderthal, valley of the Neander river in Germany, where bones of Neanderthal man were found in 1856] 1. (also Neanderthal) an early type of human being
- **2**. a man who is big, ugly, and stupid
- 3. someone who has old-fashioned ideas and opposes change
- -neanderthal adjective:
  - his neanderthal attitude towards women

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