tribe

[traib] n

1. 1) племя, род; клан

primitive [nomadic] tribes - первобытные [кочевые] племена to mix /to stay/ with the tribe - жить в (своём) племени

2) разг. большая семья; семейство; род

my knowledge of the Johnson tribe - моё знакомство с семейством Джонсонов

3) колено, поколение

the twelve tribes of Israel - библ. двенадцать колен израилевых

2. др.-рим. триба

3. разг. презр. компания, шатия

the whole tribe of parasites - вся шатия прихлебателей

the scribbling tribe - писаки

a father with a whole tribe of children - отец со всем своим выводком

4. р/ разг. множество, масса

tribes of children - масса детей

5. *биол*. триба

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tribe [tribe tribes] BrE [traɪb] * NAmE [traɪb] * noun

1. (sometimes offensive) (in developing countries) a group of people of the same race, and with the same customs, language, religion, etc, living in a particular area and often led by a chief

- tribes living in remote areas of the Amazonian rainforest
- 2. (usually disapproving) a group or class of people, especially of one profession
- He had a sudden outburst against the whole tribe of actors.
- 3. (biology) a group of related animals or plants
- a tribe of cats
- **4.** (informal or humorous) a large number of people
- One or two of the grandchildren will be there, but not the whole tribe.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French tribu or Latin tribus (singular and plural); perhaps related to tri- 'three' and referring to the three divisions of the early people of Rome.

Example Bank:

- The dancers are all members of the Tembu tribe.
- They recruited the toughest soldiers from the desert tribes.
- We spoke to Umbara, the headman of the Ywin tribe.

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tribe /traib/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300, Language: Latin; Origin: tribus 'group within the Roman people, tribe']

- 1. a social group consisting of people of the same [†]race who have the same beliefs, customs, language etc, and usually live in one particular area ruled by their leader:
 - a tribe of Aborigines known as the Dolphin People
- 2. a group of people with the same interests used especially to show disapproval:
- tribes of journalists 3. a group of related animals or plants:
 - the cat tribe
- 4. *humorous* a large family:

We were only expecting Jack and his wife, but the whole tribe turned up.

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race one of the main groups of people in the world, who have the same colour of skin and other physical features: Everybody should be treated equally regardless of their race or sex. | race relations (=the relationship between people of different races)
nation a country and its people, or a group of people with the same history and language: Japan has become one of the richest nations in the world. | Our dream is for a united Arab nation.

• **people** the people who belong to a particular country, race, or area. The plural of this meaning of **people** is **peoples**: the American people | the native peoples of the islands

• tribe a group of people in a country who are the same race, with the same traditional way of life and the same leader: a tribe in Papua New Guinea | Bedouin tribes

• ethnic group a group of people of the same race, nation, or tribe: Within Namibia there are more than a dozen different ethnic groups. | the needs of minority ethnic groups

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