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e·den·tate  (ē-dĕn tāt')

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adj.

1. Lacking teeth.
2. Of or belonging to the former order Edentata of mammals having few or no teeth, including the anteaters, armadillos, and sloths. These animals have been reclassified in the order Xenarthra.

n.

A member of the former order Edentata.

[Latin *ēdentātus*, past participle of *ēdentāre*, to knock out the teeth : *ē-*, *ex-*, *ex-* + *dēns*, *dent-*, tooth; see **dent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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