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Sam·o·yed  (săm ə-yéd', -oi-éd', sə-moi ǐd)

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1.

a. A subdivision of the Uralic language family of extreme northwestern Russia that includes Nenets.

b. Nenets. No longer in technical use.

2. A dog of a medium-sized breed developed in northern Eurasia as a sled dog, having a thick white coat and a bushy tail carried over the back.

[Obsolete Russian *samoyed*, Nenets person, member of a people speaking a Samoyedic language, from alteration of *samod*, *samoyad* (taken as *samo-*, self; see [SAMOVAR](#) + *-ed*, eater; see **ed-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)), of unknown origin.]

Sam o·yed' *adj.*

Sam'o·yed ic *adj.*

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