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op·is·thog·na·thous  (ŏp'is-thŏg nə-thəs)

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adj.

Having receding jaws or mouthparts directed backward.

[Greek *opistho-*, behind (from *opisthen*; see **epi** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *-GNATHOUS*.]

op'is·thog nə·thism *n.*

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