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cen·o·bite also **coen·o·bite**  (sĕn ə-bīt', sē nă-)

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n.

A member of a convent or other religious community.

[Middle English, from Late Latin *coenobīta*, from *coenobium*, convent, from Greek *koinobion*, from *koinobios*, living in community : *koinos*, common; see **kom** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *bios*, life; see **g^wei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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