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Cre-ole 🗣️ (krē ōl')

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n.

1. A person of European ancestry born in the West Indies or Spanish America.

2.

a. A person descended from or culturally related to the original French settlers of the southern United States, especially Louisiana.

b. The French dialect spoken by these people.

3. A person descended from or culturally related to the Spanish and Portuguese settlers of the Gulf States.

4. often **creole** A person of mixed African and European ancestry who speaks a creolized language, especially one based on French or Spanish.

5. A black slave born in the Americas as opposed to one brought from Africa.

6. **creole** A creolized language.

7. Haitian Creole.

adj.

1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of the Creoles.

2. **creole** Cooked with a spicy sauce containing tomatoes, onions, and peppers: *shrimp creole*; *creole cuisine*.

[French *créole*, from Spanish *criollo*, person native to a locality, from Portuguese *crioulo*, diminutive of *cria*, person raised in the house, especially a servant, from *criar*, to bring up, from Latin *creāre*, to beget; see **ker-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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