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**tantrum N.** /fit of petulance; caprice.

The child learned that he could have almost anything if he had a tantrum.

**tarantula N.** /venomous spider.

We need an antitoxin to counteract the bite of the tarantula.

**tarry V.** /delay; dawdle.

We can't tarry if we want to get to the airport on time.

**taut ADJ.** /tight; ready.

The captain maintained that he ran a taut ship.

**tautological ADJ.** /needlessly repetitious.

In the sentence "It was visible to the eye, " the phrase "to the eye" is tautological.

**tautology N.** /unnecessary repetition.

"Joyful happiness" is an illustration of tautology.

**tawdry ADJ.** /cheap and gaudy.

He won a few tawdry trinkets in Coney Island.

**tedious ADJ.** /boring; tiring.

The repetitious nature of work on the assembly line made Martin's job very *tedious*. tedium, N.

**temerity N.** /boldness; rashness.

Do you have the temerity to argue with me?

**temper V.** /moderate; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel).

Not even her supervisor's grumpiness could temper Nancy's enthusiasm for her new job.

**temperament N.** /characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess.

Although the twin look alike, they differ markedly in *temperament*: Todd is calm, but Rod is excitable.

**temperate ADJ.** /restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature.

Try to be *temperate* in your eating this holiday season; if you control your appetite, you won't gain too much weight.

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**tempestuous ADJ.** /stormy; impassioned; violent.

Racket throwing tennis star John McEnroe was famed for his displays of *tempestuous* temperament.

**tempo N.** /speed of music.

I find the band's *tempo* too slow for such a lively dance.

**temporal ADJ.** /not lasting forever; limited by time; secular.

At onetime in our history, temporal rulers assumed that they had been given their thrones by divine right.

**temporize V.** /avoid committing oneself; gain time.

I cannot permit you to temporize any longer; I must have a definite answer today.

**tenacious ADJ.** /holding fast.

I had to struggle to break his *tenacious* hold on my arm.

**tenacity .** /firmness; persistence.

Jean Valjean could not believe the *tenacity* of Inspector Javert. Here all Valjean had done was to steal a loaf of bread, and the inspector had pursued him doggedly for twenty years!

**tendentious ADJ.** /having an aim; biased; designed to further a cause.

The editorials in this periodical are tendentious rather than truth-seeking.

**tender V.** /offer; extend.

Although no formal charges had been made against him, in the wake of the recent scandal the mayor felt he should tender his resignation.

**tenet N.** /doctrine; dogma.

The agnostic did not accept the tenets of their faith.

**tensile ADJ.** /capable of being stretched.

Mountain climbers must know the tensile strength of their ropes. tentative

**ADJ.** hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive. Unsure of his welcome at the Christmas party, Scrooge took a tentative step into his nephew's drawing room.

**tenuous ADJ.** /thin; rare; slim.

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The allegiance of our allies is held by rather *tenuous* ties.

**tenure N.** /holding of an office; time during which such an office is held.

He has permanent tenure in this position and cannot be fired.

**tepid ADJ.** /lukewarm.

During the summer, I like to take a *tepid* bath, not a hot one.

**termination N.** /end.

Though the time for termination of the project was near, we still had a lot of work to finish before we shut up shop. terminate, **V.**

**terminology N.** /terms used in a science or art.

The special *terminology* developed by some authorities in the field has done more to confuse the layman than to enlighten him.  
**terminus N.** last stop of railroad. After we reached the railroad *terminus*, we continued our journey into the wilderness on saddle horses.

**terrestrial ADJ.** /earthly (as opposed to celestial); pertaining to the land. In many science fiction films, alien invaders from outer space plan to destroy all terrestrial life.

**terse ADJ.** /concise; abrupt; pithy.

There is a fine line between speech that is terse and to the point and speech that is too abrupt.

**testy ADJ.** /irritable; short-tempered.

My advice is to avoid discussing this problem with him today as he is rather testy and may shout at you.

**tether V.** /tie with a rope.

Before we went to sleep, we tethered the horses to prevent their wandering off during the night.

**thematic ADJ.** /relating to a unifying motif or idea.

Those who think of *Moby Dick* as a simple adventure story about whaling miss its underlying thematic import.

**theocracy N.** /government run by religious leaders.

Though some Pilgrims aboard the *Mayflower* favored the establishment of a theocracy in New England, many of their fellow voyagers preferred a

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nonreligious form of government.

**theoretical ADJ.** /not practical or applied; hypothetical.

Bob was better at applied engineering and computer programming than he was at theoretical physics and math. While I can still think of some theoretical objections to your plan, you've convinced me of its basic soundness.

**therapeutic ADJ./curative.**

Now better known for its racetrack, Saratoga Springs first gained attention for the therapeutic qualities of its famous "healing waters." therapy, **N.**

**thermal ADJ.** /pertaining to heat.

The natives discovered that the hot springs made excellent thermal baths and began to develop their community as a health resort. also **N.**

**thespian ADJ.** /pertaining to drama.

Her success in the school play convinced her she was destined for a *thespian* career. also **N.**

**threadbare ADJ.** /worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor. The poor adjunct professor hid the threadbare spots on his jacket by sewing leather patches on his sleeves.

**thrifty ADJ/careful about money; economical.**

A *thrifty* shopper compares prices before making major purchases.

**thrive V.** /prosper; flourish.

Despite the impact of the recession on the restaurant trade, Philip's cafe *thrived*.

**throes N.** /violent anguish.

The throes of despair can be as devastating as the spasms accompanying physical pain.

**throng N.** /crowd.

*Throngs* of shoppers jammed the aisles. also **V.**

**thwart V.** /baffle; frustrate.

He felt that everyone was trying to thwart his plans and prevent his success.

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**tightwad N.** /excessively frugal person; miser.

Jill called Jack a tightwad because he never picked up the check.

**tiller N.** /handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer).

Fearing the wind might shift suddenly and capsize the skiff, Tom kept one hand on the tiller at all times.

**timidity N.** /lack of self-confidence or courage.

If you are to succeed as a salesman, you must first lose your timidity and fear of failure.

**timorous ADJ.** /fearful; demonstrating fear.

His timorous manner betrayed the fear he felt at the moment.

**tirade N.** /extended scolding; denunciation; harangue.

Every time the boss holds a meeting, he goes into a lengthy tirade, scolding us for everything from tardiness to padding our expenses.

**titanic ADJ.** /gigantic.

Titanic waves beat against the majestic S.S. Titanic, driving it against the concealed iceberg.

**title N.** /right or claim to possession; mark of rank; name (of a book, film, etc.).

Though the penniless Duke of Ragwort no longer held title to the family estate, he still retained his title as head of one of England's oldest families.

**titter N.** /nervous laugh.

Her aunt's constant titter nearly drove her mad. also **V.**

**titular ADJ.** /nominal holding of title without obligations.

Although he was the titular head of the company, the real decisions were made by his general manager.

**toady N.** /servile flatterer; yes man.

Never tell the boss anything he doesn't wish to hear: he doesn't want an independent adviser, he just wants a toady. also **V.**

**tome N.** /large volume.

He spent much time in the libraries poring over ancient tomes.

**tonic ADJ.** /invigorating; refreshing.

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The tart homemade ginger ale had a tonic effect on Kit: she perked right up, also **N**.

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