

Need another word that means the same as “tend”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “tend” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Tend” are: be given, incline, lean, run, be inclined, be apt, be disposed, be prone, be liable, have a tendency, show a tendency, be likely, have a propensity, swing, veer, gravitate, be drawn, move**

## Tend as a Verb

### Definitions of "Tend" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “tend” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *(of a variable) approach a given quantity as a limit.*
- *Have a tendency or disposition to do or be something; be inclined.*
- *Go or move in a particular direction.*
- *Have care of or look after.*
- *Be liable to possess or display (a particular characteristic).*
- *Regularly or frequently behave in a particular way or have a certain characteristic.*
- *Manage or run.*



## Synonyms of "Tend" as a verb (18 Words)

<b>be apt</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be disposed</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
<b>be drawn</b>	Be priced at.
<b>be given</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be inclined</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be liable</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>be likely</b>	Have an existence, be extant.
<b>be prone</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>gravitate</b>	Descend or sink by the force of gravity. <i>Boys <b>gravitate</b> towards girls at that age.</i>
<b>have a propensity</b>	Organize or be responsible for.
<b>have a tendency</b>	Receive willingly something given or offered.

<b>incline</b>	Have a tendency or disposition to do or be something be inclined. <i>Some people are very mathematically <b>inclined</b>.</i>
<b>lean</b>	Cause to lean to the side. <i>We can <b>lean</b> on this man.</i>
<b>move</b>	Change location move travel or proceed also metaphorically. <i>His family <b>moved</b> the Special Court for adequate maintenance expenses to run the household.</i>
<b>run</b>	Cover by running run a certain distance. <i>A small river <b>runs</b> into the sea at one side of the castle.</i>
<b>show a tendency</b>	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.
<b>swing</b>	Be a social swinger socialize a lot. <i>His mood <b>swings</b>.</i>
<b>veer</b>	Shift to a clockwise direction. <i>The conversation eventually <b>veered</b> away from theatrical things.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Tend" as a verb

- *Tend a store.*
- *Written language tends to be formal.*
- *She tends to the children.*
- *The orbit tends to infinity.*
- *Fire is hot and tends upwards.*
- *Walter tended towards corpulence.*
- *She tends to be nervous before her lectures.*
- *Her hair tended to come loose.*



## Associations of "Tend" (30 Words)

**accentuate** Put stress on; utter with an accent.  
*His jacket unfortunately **accentuated** his paunch.*



<b>apt</b>	Appropriate or suitable in the circumstances. <i>She proved an <b>apt</b> pupil.</i>
<b>aptitude</b>	A natural ability to do something. <i>Children with an <b>aptitude</b> for painting and drawing.</i>
<b>aptness</b>	Appropriateness for the occasion. <i>The phrase had considerable <b>aptness</b>.</i>
<b>banister</b>	A railing at the side of a staircase or balcony to prevent people from falling. <i>She peered over the <b>banisters</b>.</i>
<b>bending</b>	The act of bending something.
<b>corner</b>	Solid exterior angle of a building especially one formed by a cornerstone. <i>A <b>corner</b> on the silver market.</i>
<b>disposed</b>	Usually followed by to naturally disposed toward. <i>James didn't seem <b>disposed</b> to take the hint.</i>
<b>emphasis</b>	Special and significant stress by means of position or repetition e.g. <i>His <b>emphasis</b> on civil rights.</i>
<b>emphasize</b>	Give special importance or value to (something) in speaking or writing. <i>They <b>emphasize</b> the need for daily one to one contact between parent and child.</i>
<b>emphatically</b>	Without doubt; clearly. <i>No way he said <b>emphatically</b>.</i>
<b>gangling</b>	Tall and thin. <i>A <b>gangling</b> youth with a trace of down on his cheeks.</i>
<b>highlight</b>	Apply a highlighter to one's cheeks or eyebrows in order to make them more prominent. <i><b>Highlight</b> the area above your eyebrows.</i>
<b>incline</b>	An inclined surface or plane a slope especially on a road or railway. <i>Their language <b>inclines</b> us to believe them.</i>
<b>inclined</b>	(often followed by 'to') having a preference, disposition, or tendency. <i>Wasn't <b>inclined</b> to believe the excuse.</i>
<b>lean</b>	Cause to lean to the side. <i>The vehicle has a definite <b>lean</b> to the left.</i>
<b>likely</b>	Likely but not certain to be or become true or real. <i>Not a very <b>likely</b> excuse.</i>
<b>prone</b>	Having a tendency (to); often used in combination. <i>A child <b>prone</b> to mischief.</i>
<b>propensity</b>	A disposition to behave in a certain way. <i>The <b>propensity</b> of disease to spread.</i>

<b>recumbent</b>	(especially of a person or effigy) lying down. <b>Recumbent</b> statues.
<b><u>slant</u></b>	Degree of deviation from a horizontal plane. <i>The hedge grew at a <b>slant</b>.</i>
<b><u>spotlight</u></b>	A beam of light projected from a spotlight. <i>The dancers are <b>spotlighted</b> from time to time throughout the evening.</i>
<b>staircase</b>	A set of stairs and its surrounding walls or structure. <i>He descended the broad <b>staircase</b>.</i>
<b>stress</b>	The degree of stress measured in units of force per unit area. <i>In French the last syllable is usually <b>stressed</b>.</i>
<b><u>susceptible</u></b>	Easily impressed emotionally. <b>Susceptible</b> of proof.
<b><u>talent</u></b>	Natural aptitude or skill. <i>Most Saturday nights I have this urge to go on the hunt for new <b>talent</b>.</i>
<b>tilt</b>	Charge with a tilt. <i>The tower had a pronounced <b>tilt</b>.</i>
<b><u>underline</u></b>	Give extra weight to (a communication). <i>She has a white tail and <b>underline</b>.</i>
<b><u>underscore</u></b>	Underline (something). <i>The company <b>underscored</b> the progress made with fuel cells.</i>
<b>yaw</b>	Deviate erratically from a set course. <i>The <b>yawing</b> motion of the ship.</i>

