

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)

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

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

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

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

