

Need another word that means the same as “tendency”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “tendency” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tendency” are: trend, disposition, inclination, leaning, propensity, proclivity, proneness, aptness, likelihood, predisposition, bent, penchant, predilection, susceptibility, liability, movement, drift, swing, gravitation

Tendency as a Noun

Definitions of "Tendency" as a noun

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

- *An attitude of mind especially one that favors one alternative over others.*
- *A general direction in which something tends to move.*
- *A group within a larger political party or movement.*
- *A characteristic likelihood of or natural disposition toward a certain condition or character or effect.*
- *An inclination towards a particular characteristic or type of behaviour.*
- *An inclination to do something.*



Synonyms of "Tendency" as a noun (19 Words)

- aptness** Appropriateness for the occasion.
*The **aptness** of iron to rust.*
- bent** Grass for pastures and lawns especially bowling and putting greens.
*She had no natural **bent** for literature.*
- disposition** The distribution or transfer of property or money to someone, especially by bequest.
*This is a tax which affects the **disposition** of assets on death.*
- drift** A continuous slow movement from one place to another.
*Four sheep were dug out of the **drift**.*
- gravitation** Movement downward resulting from gravitational attraction.
*This recent **gravitation** towards the Continent.*
- inclination** The dip of a magnetic needle.
*He had an **inclination** to give up too easily.*

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| leaning | The act of deviating from a vertical position. <i>His early leanings towards socialism.</i> |
| liability | An obligation to pay money to another party. <i>She said the party had become a liability to green politics.</i> |
| likelihood | The state or fact of something's being likely; probability. <i>Young people who can see no likelihood of finding employment.</i> |
| movement | A campaign undertaken by a political social or artistic movement. <i>A broad movement of the electorate to the right.</i> |
| penchant | A strong liking. <i>The Irish have a penchant for blarney.</i> |
| predilection | A predisposition in favor of something. <i>A predilection for expensive cars.</i> |
| predisposition | A disposition in advance to react in a particular way. <i>A child may inherit a predisposition to schizophrenia.</i> |
| proclivity | A tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing. <i>A proclivity for hard work.</i> |
| proneness | Liability to suffer from or experience something disagreeable; susceptibility. <i>His proneness to injury will seriously mar a promising career.</i> |
| propensity | An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way. <i>Their innate propensity to attack one another.</i> |
| susceptibility | The ratio of magnetization produced in a material to the magnetizing force. <i>Lack of exercise increases susceptibility to disease.</i> |
| swing | The rhythmic feeling or drive of swing. <i>It took time to get into the swing of things.</i> |
| trend | A topic that is the subject of many posts on a social media website or application within a short period of time. <i>The trend of the stock market.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Tendency" as a noun

- *A tendency to be too strict.*
- *Fabric with a tendency to shrink.*
- *The shoreward tendency of the current.*
- *Criminal tendencies.*
- *For students, there is a tendency to socialize in the evenings.*



Associations of "Tendency" (30 Words)

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| aptness | A disposition to behave in a certain way. <i>The aptness of iron to rust.</i> |
| bearish | Expecting prices to fall. <i>A bearish figure with mutton chop whiskers.</i> |
| biologically | In a way that concerns biology or living organisms. <i>Biologically rooted instincts.</i> |
| caprice | A sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behaviour. <i>The caprices of the electorate.</i> |
| character | A characteristic especially one that assists in the identification of a species. <i>The actor's TV character is often on the wrong side of the law.</i> |

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| craze | Develop fine cracks. <i>The loch was frozen over but crazed with cracks.</i> |
| eclecticism | The theories or methods of the ancient Eclectic philosophers, who did not belong to or found any recognized school of thought but selected doctrines from various schools of thought. <i>We ve demonstrated an appetite for musical eclecticism.</i> |
| <u>excitable</u> | Easily excited. <i>A rather excitable young man.</i> |
| fad | An interest followed with exaggerated zeal. <i>Some regard green politics as no more than the latest fad.</i> |
| fashion | How something is done or how it happens. <i>A fashion magazine.</i> |
| genetically | In a way that relates to origin or development. <i>A genetically inherited condition.</i> |
| inclination | (physics) the angle that a magnetic needle makes with the plane of the horizon. <i>The alkaline inclination of the local waters.</i> |
| incline | An inclined surface or plane a slope especially on a road or railway. <i>She inclines to the view that people should be allowed to expres their religious beliefs.</i> |
| leaning | The act of deviating from a vertical position. <i>The leaning tower of Pisa.</i> |
| liking | A feeling of pleasure and enjoyment. <i>She developed a liking for gin.</i> |
| notion | A conception of or belief about something. <i>Buttons and needles are notions.</i> |
| <u>penchant</u> | A strong liking. <i>The Irish have a penchant for blarney.</i> |
| predispose | Make someone liable or inclined to a specified attitude, action, or condition. <i>This illness predisposes you to gain weight.</i> |
| <u>predisposition</u> | An inclination beforehand to interpret statements in a particular way. <i>Factors including genetic predisposition.</i> |
| preference | A thing preferred. <i>His sexual preferences.</i> |
| <u>proclivity</u> | A natural inclination. <i>A proclivity for hard work.</i> |

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| proneness | Liability to suffer from or experience something disagreeable; susceptibility. <i>Accident proneness.</i> |
| propensity | An inclination to do something. <i>His propensity for violence.</i> |
| <u>streak</u> | Cover a surface with streaks. <i>Hair that was streaked blonde.</i> |
| temperament | The adjustment of intervals in tuning a piano or other musical instrument so as to fit the scale for use in different keys in equal temperament the octave consists of twelve equal semitones. <i>She had an artistic temperament.</i> |
| <u>trend</u> | Turn sharply; change direction abruptly. <i>The northeastern trend of the coast.</i> |
| vagary | An unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour. <i>The vagaries of the weather.</i> |
| <u>vogue</u> | A current state of general acceptance and use. <i>Crochet garments are in vogue this season.</i> |
| <u>whim</u> | A windlass for raising ore or water from a mine. <i>Whimsy can be humorous to someone with time to enjoy it.</i> |
| whimsy | A whim. <i>He had a whimsy about flying to the moon.</i> |

