

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.*

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

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

<b>craze</b>	Develop fine cracks. <i>The loch was frozen over but <b>crazed</b> with cracks.</i>
<b>eclecticism</b>	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 <b>eclecticism</b>.</i>
<u><b>excitable</b></u>	Easily excited. <i>A rather <b>excitable</b> young man.</i>
<b>fad</b>	An interest followed with exaggerated zeal. <i>Some regard green politics as no more than the latest <b>fad</b>.</i>
<b>fashion</b>	How something is done or how it happens. <i>A <b>fashion</b> magazine.</i>
<b>genetically</b>	In a way that relates to origin or development. <i>A <b>genetically</b> inherited condition.</i>
<b>inclination</b>	(physics) the angle that a magnetic needle makes with the plane of the horizon. <i>The alkaline <b>inclination</b> of the local waters.</i>
<b>incline</b>	An inclined surface or plane a slope especially on a road or railway. <i>She <b>inclines</b> to the view that people should be allowed to expres their religious beliefs.</i>
<b>leaning</b>	The act of deviating from a vertical position. <i>The <b>leaning</b> tower of Pisa.</i>
<b>liking</b>	A feeling of pleasure and enjoyment. <i>She developed a <b>liking</b> for gin.</i>
<b>notion</b>	A conception of or belief about something. <i>Buttons and needles are <b>notions</b>.</i>
<u><b>penchant</b></u>	A strong liking. <i>The Irish have a <b>penchant</b> for blarney.</i>
<b>predispose</b>	Make someone liable or inclined to a specified attitude, action, or condition. <i>This illness <b>predisposes</b> you to gain weight.</i>
<u><b>predisposition</b></u>	An inclination beforehand to interpret statements in a particular way. <i>Factors including genetic <b>predisposition</b>.</i>
<b>preference</b>	A thing preferred. <i>His sexual <b>preferences</b>.</i>
<u><b>proclivity</b></u>	A natural inclination. <i>A <b>proclivity</b> for hard work.</i>

<b>proneness</b>	Liability to suffer from or experience something disagreeable; susceptibility. <i>Accident <b>proneness</b>.</i>
<b>propensity</b>	An inclination to do something. <i>His <b>propensity</b> for violence.</i>
<b><u>streak</u></b>	Cover a surface with streaks. <i>Hair that was <b>streaked</b> blonde.</i>
<b>temperament</b>	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 <b>temperament</b>.</i>
<b><u>trend</u></b>	Turn sharply; change direction abruptly. <i>The northeastern <b>trend</b> of the coast.</i>
<b>vagary</b>	An unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour. <i>The <b>vagaries</b> of the weather.</i>
<b><u>vogue</u></b>	A current state of general acceptance and use. <i>Crochet garments are in <b>vogue</b> this season.</i>
<b><u>whim</u></b>	A windlass for raising ore or water from a mine. <i><b>Whimsy</b> can be humorous to someone with time to enjoy it.</i>
<b>whimsy</b>	A whim. <i>He had a <b>whimsy</b> about flying to the moon.</i>



