

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.*

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)

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>

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>

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>

