

Need another word that means the same as “tender”? Find 69 synonyms and 30 related words for “tender” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tender” are: untoughened, raw, sensitive, sore, affectionate, fond, lovesome, crank, cranky, tippy, caring, kind, kindly, kind-hearted, compassionate, sympathetic, warm, feeling, fatherly, motherly, maternal, gentle, mild, benevolent, generous, giving, humane, loving, emotional, soft, romantic, sentimental, emotive, touching, moving, poignant, evocative, not tough, chewable, edible, eatable, painful, inflamed, red, chafed, delicate, fragile, breakable, frail, difficult, tricky, awkward, problematic, troublesome, ticklish, young, youthful, attendant, attender, stamp, cutter, pinnacle, ship's boat, bid, supply ship, offer, tenderise, tenderize

Tender as a Noun

Definitions of "Tender" as a noun

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

- *A formal proposal to buy at a specified price.*
- *Someone who waits on or tends to or attends to the needs of another.*

- *Ship that usually provides supplies to other ships.*
- *Something that can be used as an official medium of payment.*
- *Car attached to a locomotive to carry fuel and water.*
- *A boat for communication between ship and shore.*



Synonyms of "Tender" as a noun (8 Words)

- attendant** An assistant to an important person; a servant or courtier.
*A cloakroom **attendant**.*
- attender** A person who is present and participates in a meeting.
*He was a regular **attender** at department meetings.*
- bid** An attempt to get something.
*He made a **bid** to gain attention.*
- cutter** A sailing vessel with a single mast set further back than the mast of a sloop.
*A one horse **cutter** parked in front of the barn.*

pinnacle A small boat, typically with sails and/or several oars, forming part of the equipment of a warship or other large vessel.

ship's boat A dish (often boat-shaped) for serving gravy or sauce.

stamp A mark or pattern made by a stamp especially one indicating official validation.

*The emperor gave them his **stamp** of approval.*

supply ship Offering goods and services for sale.



Tender as a Verb

Definitions of "Tender" as a verb

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

- *Offer or present for acceptance.*
- *Make a tender of; in legal settlements.*
- *Propose a payment.*

- *Make tender or more tender as by marinating, pounding, or applying a tenderizer.*



Synonyms of "Tender" as a verb (4 Words)

- bid** Make a statement during the auction undertaking to make a certain number of tricks with a stated suit as trumps if the bid is successful and one becomes the declarer.
***Bid** farewell.*
- offer** Offer verbally.
***Offer** resistance.*
- tenderise** Make tender or more tender as by marinating, pounding, or applying a tenderizer.
- tenderize** Make tender or more tender as by marinating pounding or applying a tenderizer.
*Marinating will add spice and also **tenderize** the meat.*



Usage Examples of "Tender" as a verb

- *Tenderize meat.*



Tender as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tender" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "tender" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Hurting.*
- *(of plants) not hardy; easily killed by adverse growing condition.*
- *(of a plant) easily injured by severe weather and therefore needing protection.*
- *(of a ship) leaning or readily inclined to roll in response to the wind.*
- *Requiring tact or careful handling.*
- *Showing gentleness, kindness, and affection.*
- *Young, inexperienced, or vulnerable.*
- *Physically untoughened.*
- *Solicitous of.*

- *Having or displaying warmth or affection.*
- *Easy to cut or chew.*
- *(of food) easy to cut or chew; not tough.*
- *Not hardy; easily killed by adverse growing condition.*
- *Inclined to heel over easily under sail.*
- *(used of boats) inclined to heel over easily under sail.*
- *Given to sympathy or gentleness or sentimentality.*
- *Young and immature.*
- *(of a part of the body) sensitive to pain.*



Synonyms of "Tender" as an adjective (57 Words)

<u>affectionate</u>	Expressing fondness. <i>Affectionate</i> children.
awkward	Not elegant or graceful in expression. <i>Awkward</i> and reserved at parties.
benevolent	(of an organization) serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose. A <i>benevolent</i> contributor.

breakable	Capable of being broken or damaged. <i>Breakable articles should be packed carefully.</i>
caring	Displaying kindness and concern for others. <i>A caring and invaluable friend.</i>
chafed	Painful from having the skin abraded.
chewable	Able to be chewed or cut.
compassionate	Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others. <i>Heard the soft and compassionate voices of women.</i>
crank	(used of boats) inclined to heel over easily under sail.
cranky	(used of boats) inclined to heel over easily under sail. <i>A cranky scheme to pipe ground level ozone into the stratosphere.</i>
delicate	Of an instrument or device; capable of registering minute differences or changes precisely. <i>His delicate health.</i>
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>Difficult times.</i>
eatable	Fit to be consumed as food. <i>Eatable fruits.</i>
<u>edible</u>	Suitable for use as food. <i>The dinner was barely edible.</i>
emotional	Relating to a person's emotions. <i>He was a strongly emotional young man.</i>
emotive	Expressing a person's feelings rather than being neutrally descriptive. <i>The issue has proved highly emotive.</i>
<u>evocative</u>	Serving to bring to mind- Wilder Hobson. <i>Powerfully evocative lyrics.</i>
fatherly	Like or befitting a father or fatherhood; kind and protective. <i>He gave me such a kind and fatherly look.</i>
feeling	Showing emotion or sensitivity. <i>She was a feeling child.</i>
<u>fond</u>	Having an affection or liking for. <i>I have very fond memories of Oxford.</i>
<u>fragile</u>	Easily destroyed or threatened. <i>Fragile old bones.</i>
<u>frail</u>	Easily broken or damaged or destroyed. <i>An invalid s frail body.</i>

generous	Showing a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is strictly necessary or expected. <i>A generous benefactor to the University.</i>
gentle	(of a person) noble or having the qualities attributed to noble birth; courteous and chivalrous. <i>A vein of gentle irony.</i>
giving	Given or giving freely. <i>Saturday's child is loving and giving.</i>
humane	Marked or motivated by concern with the alleviation of suffering. <i>A humane education.</i>
inflamed	(of a part of the body) red or swollen as a result of inflammation. <i>Eyes inflamed with crying.</i>
kind	Agreeable, conducive to comfort. <i>Our neighbor was very kind about the window our son broke.</i>
kind-hearted	Having or proceeding from an innately kind disposition.
kindly	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity. <i>Kindly breeze.</i>
lovesome	Lovely or lovable.
loving	Feeling or showing love or great care. <i>Her music loving son.</i>
maternal	Characteristic of a mother- Dorothy Sayers. <i>My maternal grandfather.</i>
mild	Mild and pleasant. <i>She was implacable despite her mild exterior.</i>
motherly	Of, resembling, or characteristic of a mother, especially in being caring, protective, and kind. <i>She held both her arms wide in a gesture of motherly love.</i>
moving	Arousing or capable of arousing deep emotion. <i>The moving parts of the machine.</i>
not tough	Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe.
painful	Causing physical pain. <i>A painful experience.</i>
poignant	Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret. <i>Poignant grief cannot endure forever.</i>
problematic	Open to doubt or debate. <i>If you ever get married which seems to be extremely problematic.</i>

raw	(of a person's nerves) very sensitive. <i>They were replaced by raw recruits.</i>
red	Of a people having reddish skin. <i>A red Xhosa wife spends several years in her mother in law s homestead.</i>
romantic	Relating to or denoting the artistic and literary movement of romanticism. <i>A romantic candlelit dinner.</i>
sensitive	Hurting. <i>A mimosa s leaves are sensitive to touch.</i>
sentimental	Given to or marked by sentiment or sentimentality. <i>She felt a sentimental attachment to the place creep over her.</i>
soft	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>Candidates ranging from far right to soft left.</i>
sore	Suffering pain from a part of one's body. <i>He was sore from the long ride.</i>
sympathetic	Of or relating to the sympathetic nervous system. <i>He was sympathetic to evolutionary ideas.</i>
ticklish	(of a person) easily upset. <i>Her skill in evading ticklish questions.</i>
tippy	(used of boats) inclined to heel over easily under sail. <i>They crossed the water in tippy canoes.</i>
touching	Arousing affect. <i>His gratitude was simple and touching.</i>
tricky	Not to be trusted- James Agee. <i>Tricky Dick.</i>
troublesome	Difficult to deal with. <i>Schools are removing troublesome pupils.</i>
untoughened	Physically untoughened.
warm	Inducing the impression of warmth used especially of reds and oranges and yellows when referring to color. <i>A warm climate.</i>
young	Used to denote the younger of two people of the same name. <i>Hugh Magnus Macleod younger of Macleod.</i>
youthful	Young or seeming young. <i>Youthful enthusiasm.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tender" as an adjective

- *A tender smile.*
- *Be tender of a lady's reputation.*
- *Tender loving care.*
- *Tender beef.*
- *Tender green beans.*
- *Tender memories.*
- *A tender heart.*
- *He started sailing at the tender age of ten.*
- *Tender green shoots.*
- *The pale, tender skin of her forearm.*
- *He was being so kind and tender.*
- *At a tender age.*
- *Pelargoniums are colourful but tender plants.*
- *A tender mother.*

- *A tender glance.*
- *The tender spot on his jaw.*
- *She covered his face with tender kisses.*
- *Tender feet.*
- *The issue of conscription was a particularly tender one.*



Associations of "Tender" (30 Words)

adoring	Showing adoration. <i>Adoring grandparents.</i>
affectionate	Expressing fondness. <i>His affectionate nature.</i>
amiable	Diffusing warmth and friendliness. <i>The amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.</i>
balmy	Characterized by pleasantly warm weather. <i>It used to drive my husband balmy.</i>
bathetic	Effusively or insincerely emotional. <i>The movie manages to be poignant without becoming bathetic.</i>

clement	Physically mild. <i>It is a very clement day.</i>
custody	Guardianship over; in divorce cases it is the right to house and care for and discipline a child. <i>He is in the custody of police.</i>
dedicated	Solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high or sacred purpose. <i>A dedicated high speed rail link from the Channel Tunnel.</i>
delicate	A delicate fabric or garment. <i>Delicate china.</i>
doting	Extravagantly or foolishly loving and indulgent. <i>Deceiving her preoccupied and doting husband with a young captain.</i>
enamored	Marked by foolish or unreasoning fondness. <i>Narcissus was a beautiful Greek youth who became enamored of his own reflection.</i>
gently	With only gradual inclines. <i>Gently pat your skin dry.</i>
helmet	The arched upper part (galea) of the corolla in some flowers, especially those of the mint and orchid families.
kind	A category of things distinguished by some common characteristic or quality. <i>Kind to sick patients.</i>
loving	Enjoying the specified activity or thing. <i>Loving glances.</i>
maudlin	Effusively or insincerely emotional. <i>Maudlin expressions of sympathy.</i>
mawkish	Sentimental in an exaggerated or false way. <i>A mawkish ode to parenthood.</i>
melodrama	The genre of melodrama. <i>What little is known of his early life is cloaked in melodrama.</i>
merciful	Showing or giving mercy. <i>William did not believe in being merciful to those who fought against him.</i>
mild	Mild and pleasant. <i>Mild flulike symptoms.</i>
mottle	A spot or patch forming part of a mottled arrangement. <i>The ship was not dull grey as distance had suggested but a mottle of khaki and black and olive green.</i>
offer	Present or proffer something for someone to accept or reject as desired. <i>He offered his sympathy.</i>

preclusive	Made impossible. <i>Grounds for preclusive intervention.</i>
preemptive	Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence. <i>A preemptive business offer.</i>
protective	(usually followed by `of') solicitously caring or mindful. <i>Protective coatings.</i>
romantic	A writer or artist of the romantic movement. <i>I am an incurable romantic.</i>
sentimental	Given to or marked by sentiment or sentimentality. <i>I m a sentimental old fool.</i>
tutelar	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i>Tutelary gods.</i>
tutelary	Relating to protection or a guardian. <i>The tutelary spirits of these regions.</i>
warm	Psychologically warm friendly and responsive. <i>Her fair colouring suited soft warm shades.</i>

