

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)

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



