

correctly: 'What do you think Jenny will do next?' 'It's **hard to tell**.' ◇ I could tell that he had enjoyed the evening. ◇ **You can never tell** what he's going to say next. ◇ I can't tell the difference between Dan's sisters. **4** [T] (used about a thing) to give information to sb: *This book will tell you all you need to know.* **5** [I] to not keep a secret: *Promise you won't tell!* **6** [I] ~ (on sb/sth) to have a noticeable effect: *I can't run as fast as I could – my age is beginning to tell!*

IDM **all told** with everyone or everything counted and included

(I'll) tell you what (informal) used to introduce a suggestion: *I'll tell you what – let's ask Diane to take us.*

I told you (so) (informal) I warned you that this would happen

tell A and B apart → **APART**

tell the time to read the time from a clock or watch

PHRV **tell sb off (for sth/for doing sth)** to speak to sb angrily because they have done sth wrong: *The teacher told me off for not doing my homework.*

tell on sb to tell a parent, teacher, etc. about sth bad that sb has done

telling /'telɪŋ/ **adj.** **1** showing, without intending to, what sb/sth is really like: *The number of homeless people is a telling comment on today's society.*

2 having a great effect: *That's quite a telling argument.*

telltale /'telteɪl/ **adj.** giving information about sth secret or private: *He said he was fine, but there were telltale signs of worry on his face.*

tellurium /te'ljuəriəm/ **noun** [U] (symbol **Te**) (**CHEMISTRY**) a chemical element. Tellurium is a shiny silver-white substance that breaks easily, found in **SULPHIDE ORES**. ⓘ For more information on the periodic table of elements, look at pages R34-5.

telly /'teli/ (pl. **tellies**) (BrE, informal) = **TELEVISION**

telnet /'telnet/ **noun** [U] (**COMPUTING**) a computer system which allows you to use data and programs on another computer; a connection made using this system ► **telnet verb** (telnetting; telnetted) [T]

temp¹ /temp/ **noun** [C] (informal) a temporary employee, especially in an office, who works somewhere for a short period of time when sb else is ill or on holiday ► **temp verb** [I]

temp² abbr. temperature: *temp 15°C*

temper /'tempə(r)/ **noun** **1** [C,U] if you have a temper you get angry very easily: *Be careful of Paul. He's got quite a temper!* ◇ You must learn to control your temper. **2** [C] the way you are feeling at a particular time: *It's no use talking to him when he's in a bad temper.* **SYN** mood

IDM **in a temper** feeling very angry and not controlling your behaviour

keep/lose your temper to stay calm/to become angry ➡ look at **bad-tempered**

temperament /'temprəmənt/ **noun** [C,U] a person's character, especially as it affects the way they behave and feel: *to have an artistic/a fiery/a calm temperament*

temperamental /'temprə'mentl/ **adj.** often and suddenly changing the way you behave or feel

temperate /'tempərət/ **adj.** (used about a climate) not very hot and not very cold

temperature **☞** /'temprətʃə(r)/ **noun** **1** [C,U] how hot or cold sth is: *Heat the oven to a temperature of 200°C.* ◇ a high/low temperature ◇ an increase in temperature **2** [C] how hot or cold a person's body is

IDM **have a temperature** (**HEALTH**) (used about a person) to be hotter than normal because you are ill

take sb's temperature (**HEALTH**) to measure the

temperature of sb's body with a special instrument (a **thermometer**)

template /'templeɪt/ **noun** [C] **1** a shape cut out of a hard material, used as a model for producing exactly the same shape many times in another material **2** a thing that is used as a model for producing other similar examples: *If you need to write a lot of similar letters, set up a template on your computer.*

temple /'templ/ **noun** [C] **1** (**RELIGION**) a building where people pray to a god or gods: *a Buddhist/Hindu temple* **2** (**ANATOMY**) one of the flat parts on each side of your **FOREHEAD** ➡ picture on page 80

tempo /'tempəʊ/ **noun** (pl. **tempos** /'tempəʊz/) **1** [sing., U] the speed of an activity or event **2** [C,U] (**MUSIC**) the speed of a piece of music: *a fast/slow tempo*

temporary **☞** /'tempərəri/ **adj.** lasting for a short time; not permanent: *a temporary job* ◇ *This arrangement is only temporary.*

► **temporarily** /'tempərəli/ **adv.**

tempt /tempt/ **verb** [T] ~ sb (into sth/into doing sth); ~ sb (to do sth) to try to persuade or attract sb to do sth, even if it is wrong: *His dream of riches had tempted him into a life of crime.* ◇ *She was tempted to stay in bed all morning.*

temptation /temp'teɪʃn/ **noun** **1** [U] a feeling that you want to do sth, even if you know that it is wrong: *I managed to resist the temptation to tell him what I really thought.* ◇ *She wanted a cigarette badly, but didn't give in to temptation.* **2** [C] a thing that attracts you to do sth wrong or silly: *All that money is certainly a big temptation.*

tempting /'temptɪŋ/ **adj.** attractive in a way that makes you want to do or have sth: *a tempting offer*

ten /ten/ **number** 10

tenacious /tə'neɪʃəs/ **adj.** not likely to give up or let sth go; determined ► **tenacity** /tə'næsəti/ **noun** [U]

tenancy /'tenənsi/ **noun** [C,U] (pl. **tenancies**) the use of a room, flat, building or piece of land, for which you pay rent to the owner: *a six-month tenancy* ◇ *It says in the tenancy agreement that you can't keep pets.*

tenant /'tenənt/ **noun** [C] a person who pays money (rent) to the owner of a room, flat, building or piece of land so that they can live in it or use it: *They had evicted their tenants for non-payment of rent.* ◇ *tenant farmers* (= ones who do not own their own farms) ➡ look at **landlady, landlord**

tend **☞** /tend/ **verb** **1** [I] ~ to do sth to usually do or be sth: *Women tend to live longer than men.* ◇ *There tends to be a lot of heavy traffic on that road.* ◇ *My brother tends to talk a lot when he's nervous.* **2** [I] used for giving your opinion in a polite way: *I tend to think that we shouldn't interfere.* **3** [I,T] (formal) ~ (to) sb/sth to look after sb/sth: *Paramedics tended (to) the injured.*

tendency **☞** /'tendənsi/ **noun** [C] (pl. **tendencies**) a ~ (to do sth/towards sth) something that a person or thing usually does; a way of behaving: *They both have a tendency to be late for appointments.* ◇ *The dog began to show vicious tendencies.* ◇ *She seems to have a tendency towards depression.*

tender¹ /'tendə(r)/ **adj.** **1** kind and loving: *tender words/looks/kisses* **2** (used about food) soft and easy to cut or bite; not tough: *The meat should be nice and*