

# Nota Bene: T

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**tabula rasa:** a clean slate or blank tablet

**taciturn:** quiet

**tactile:** pertaining to the sense of touch

**tandem:** one after another

**tangential:** touching lightly; only slightly connected or related

**tangible:** real, touchable

**tantamount:** equivalent to in all meaningful respects

**taurine:** pertaining to bulls

**tautology:** unnecessary repetition (in different words) of an already stated idea

**taxonomy:** the science of formal classification and naming (cf. Genesis 2:18-20)

**technocracy:** government by engineers, technicians, or other highly skilled members of society

**tedium:** boredom

**teetotaler:** someone who does not drink alcohol under any circumstances

**telekinesis:** movement from a distance; the supposed ability to move objects by means of mental energy

**teleology:** the study of design or purpose

**telepathy:** the supposed ability to read minds or communicate mentally

**teleprompter:** an automated means of displaying lines to be read by an actor or speaker

**temblor:** an earthquake

**temerity:** rashness; reckless disregard of danger or unpleasant consequences

**temperance:** moderation or restraint in feelings and behavior

**tempus fugit:** time flies

**tenable:** capable of being maintained

**tenacious:** unyielding, stubborn

**tendentious:** showing a definite bias or purpose

**tenet:** a principle; something held to be true or valid

**tense:** past, present, or future

**tense operator:** a phrase attaching to a sentence, to form another sentence expressing when the first sentence is true or false (past or future)

**tenuous:** lacking in substance; weak, flimsy, very thin

**tenure:** the holding of a post or property, especially with regard to status as a permanent employee

**terra cotta:** a reddish clay modeling compound that hardens when exposed to extreme heat

**terra firma:** solid ground

**terra incognita:** an unknown land

**terrestrial:** of the earth

**tertiary:** third in succession

**tertium quid:** a third something or a middle course

**testator:** a male who sets out his wishes in a legal will

**testatrix:** a female who sets out her wishes in a legal will

**tete-a-tete:** head-to-head; a meeting in which two people meet face-to-face

**tetragrammaton:** having four letters; the written Hebrew word for God consisting of the four letters yod, he, vav, and he, and usually rendered YHWH

**theocentric:** placing God at the center or foundation of a belief system

**theocracy:** God rules; government by religious leaders or the concentration of civil power in the hands of church figures

**theology:** the study of God

**therapeutic:** having to do with cures for illness

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**thespian:** an actor  
**tiff:** a small, almost inconsequential quarrel or disagreement  
**tilde:** a symbol (~) for negation  
**tintinnabulation:** the ringing of bells  
**tirade:** a long, harshly critical speech  
**titillate:** to arouse or excite in a pleasing way; to “tickle one’s fancy”  
**titular:** by title only, in name only, but not in reality  
**tome:** a thick or heavy book; long, academically-oriented books  
**toothsome:** pleasant or appealing; alluring  
**torpor:** apathy, sluggishness  
**torrential:** pertaining to severe storms  
**tort:** in law, a civil misdeed requiring compensation  
**torte:** a cake made with eggs and very little flour  
**totaliter aliter:** wholly other  
**toties quoties:** as often as  
**toto coelo:** wholly; as far as possible  
**tours de force:** an exceptional achievement, ingenuity, or a feat of strength  
**tout:** to praise highly; to brag publicly  
**tractable:** obedient, manageable  
**traditional logic:** logical theories and techniques that were employed before the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**trajectory:** the path of flight followed by a projectile  
**transcendent:** the quality of originating beyond man’s temporal experience or exceeding it  
**transgress:** to go past limits; to violate  
**translucent:** capable of allowing some light to show through, but not transparent  
**transmute:** to change in form or substance  
**transpire:** to take place  
**transpose:** to reverse of change the position of  
**tranquility:** peace, calm  
**travail:** hard work, especially work that causes physical pain  
**travesty:** a grotesque parody of something  
**treatise:** a scholarly essay or written argument  
**tremor:** an involuntary shaking or trembling  
**trenchant:** caustic and incisive  
**trepidation:** agitated or disturbed  
**triennial:** occurring every three years  
**trigonometry:** the measure of three angles (i.e., triangle measurement)  
**trifling:** insignificant  
**trivium:** three paths; in the ancient Greek and medieval educational curriculum, the subjects of grammar, logic, and rhetoric  
**troglydyte:** one who behaves in a beastly, savage, or primitive manner  
**truncheon:** a stick carried by police officers  
**truth conditions:** sentences that spell out how the truth value(s) of a sentence depend(s) on the truth values of its components  
**truth function:** a logical symbol which, when applied to sentences to give a more complex sentence, is such that the truth value of the compound is completely determined by the truth value(s) of its component(s)  
**truth table:** a diagram depicting truth conditions  
**truth value:** true (T or 1) or false (F or 0)

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**tryst:** a prearranged meeting, especially between two lovers

**tumultuous:** chaotic, especially as a result of a popular outcry

**turbulent:** agitated or disturbed

**turpitude:** depravity, wickedness

**tutelage:** the act of providing guided instruction or protection

**tyro:** novice, amateur