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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 YHVH

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
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 20th 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
troglodyte: 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)
tryst: a prearranged meeting, especially between two lovers
tumultuous: chaotic, especially as a result of a popular outcry

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turbulent: agitated or disturbed

turpitude: depravity, wickedness

tutelage: the act of providing guided instruction or protection

tyro: novice, amateur