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(ca. 1890) : infestation with or disease caused by tapeworms  
**taf-fe-ta** \ˈtɑ-fə-tə\ *n* [ME *taffata*, fr. AF, fr. OIt *taffetà*, fr. Turk *tāftah* woven] (14c) : a crisp plain-woven lustrous fabric of various fibers used esp. for women's clothing

**taf-fe-tized** \ˈtɑ-fə-,tīzd\ *adj* (1949) *of cloth* : having a crisp finish

**taff-rail** \ˈtɑf-,rāl, -rəl\ *n* [modif. of D *tafereel*, fr. MD, panel, fr. *tablel* — more at TABLEAU] (ca. 1704) 1 : the upper part of the stern of a wooden ship 2 : a rail around the stern of a ship

**taf-fy** \ˈtɑ-fē\ *n, pl taffies* [origin unknown] (ca. 1817) 1 : a boiled sugar usu. of molasses or brown sugar that is pulled until porous and light-colored 2 : insincere flattery

<sup>1</sup>**tag** \ˈtɑg\ *n* [ME *tagge*; akin to MLG *tagge*, *tacke* twig, spike] (14c) : a loose hanging piece of cloth : TATTER 2 : a metal or plastic bin on an end of a shoelace 3 : a piece of hanging or attached material *specif* : a loop, knot, or tassel on a garment 4 **a** : a brief quotation used for rhetorical emphasis or sententious effect **b** : a recurring characteristic verbal expression **c** : TAGLINE 1 5 **a** : a cardboard, plastic, or metal marker used for identification or classification *cense* ~s> **b** : a descriptive or identifying epithet **c** : something used for identification or location : FLAG **d** : LABEL 3d **e** : PRICE TAG : an element of code in a computer document used esp. to control format and layout or to establish a hyperlink 6 : a detached fragment or piece : BIT 7 : a graffito in the form of an identifying name or symbol

<sup>2</sup>**tag** *vb* **tagged**; **tag-ging** *vt* (15c) 1 : to provide or mark with or without a tag: as **a** : to supply with an identifying marker or price <*tagged* at \$4.95> **b** : to provide with a name or epithet : LABEL, BRAG <*tagged* him a has-been> **c** : to put a ticket on (a motor vehicle) for a traffic violation **d** : to deface with a graffito usu. in the form of the defacer's nickname 2 : to attach as an addition : APPEND 3 : to follow or watch low closely and persistently 4 : to hold to account; *esp* : to charge with violating the law <was *tagged* for ... assault —Burt Woolis> : LABEL 2 ~ *vi* : to keep close <*tagging* at their heels —Corey Ford>

<sup>3</sup>**tag** *n* [origin unknown] (1738) 1 : a game in which the player who is chased chases others and tries to touch one of them who then becomes it 2 : an act or instance of tagging a runner in baseball

<sup>4</sup>**tag** *vt* **tagged**; **tag-ging** (1878) 1 **a** : to touch in or as if in a game : TAG **b** : to put out (a runner) in baseball by a touch with the ball or a gloved hand containing the ball 2 : to hit solidly 3 : to choose or select for a special purpose : SELECT 4 : to make a hit or run off (a pitcher) in baseball <the batter *tagged* him for a home run>

**TAG** *abbr* the adjutant general

**Ta-ga-log** \tə-ˈgä-,lɒg\ *n, pl Tagalog or Tagalogs* [Tag] (1808) 1 : a member of a people of central Luzon 2 : an Austronesian language spoken by the Tagalog people — compare PILIPINO

**tag-along** \ˈtɑ-gə-,lɒn\ *n* (1935) : one that persists