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tap·es·try \'tapəstrē\ n, pl -tries: heavy handwoven ruglike wall hanging

**tape-worm** *n* : long flat intestinal worm

 $tap \cdot i \cdot o \cdot ca \setminus tap \bar{e}^i \bar{o} k \Rightarrow \setminus n : a$  granular starch used esp. in puddings

tar \'tar\'n: thick dark sticky liquid distilled (as from coal) ~ vb -rr-: treat or smear with tar

ta·ran·tu·la \təˈranchələ, - rant<sup>ə</sup>lə\ n : large hairy usu. harmless spider

tar·dy \'tärdē\ adj -di·er; -est : late — tar·di·ly \'tärdəlē\ adv — tar·di·ness n

tar-get \'targət\ n 1: mark to shoot at 2: goal to be achieved  $\sim vb$  1: make a target of 2: establish as a goal

tar-iff \'tar-of\ n 1: duty or rate of duty imposed on imported goods 2: schedule of tariffs, rates, or charges

tar·nish \'tärnish\'vb: make or become dull or discolored — tarnish n

**tar·pau·lin**\tär**'**polən, **'**tärpə-\ *n*: waterproof protective covering

¹tar·ry \'tarē\ vb -ried; -ry·ing
: be slow in leaving

<sup>2</sup>tar·ry \'tärē\ adj: resembling or covered with tar

¹tart \'tärt\ adj 1: pleasantly sharp to the taste 2: caustic — tart·ly adv — tart·ness n

 $^{2}$ tart n: small pie

**tar·tan** \'tärt<sup>a</sup>n\ n: woolen fabric with a plaid design

 $tar \cdot tar \ 't \ddot{a}r t \Rightarrow r \cdot n : hard crust on the teeth$ 

task \'task\ n : assigned work task-mas-ter n : one that burdens another with labor

tas-sel \'tas-l, 'täs-\ n: hanging ornament made of a bunch of cords fastened at one end

1: test or determine the flavor of 2: eat or drink in small quantities 3: have a specific flavor ~ n 1: small amount tasted 2: bit 3: special sense that identifies sweet, sour, bitter, or salty qualities 4: individual preference 5: critical appreciation of quality — taste-ful \-fəl\ adj — taste-ful\-fəl\ adv — taste-less adj — taste-less-ly adv — tast-er n

tasty \'tāstē\ adj tast·i·er; -est : pleasing to the sense of taste — tast·i·ness n

tat-ter \'tatər\n 1: part torn and left hanging 2pl: tattered clothing  $\sim vb$ : make or become ragged

tat·tle \'tat<sup>3</sup>|\ vb -tled; -tling : inform on someone — tat-tler n

tat·tle·tale n: one that tattles tat·too \ta'tü\ vb: mark the skin with indelible designs or figures — tattoo n