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- tap-es-try** \ˈtəpəstrē\ *n*, *pl*
-tries : heavy handwoven rug-like wall hanging
- tape-worm** *n* : long flat intestinal worm
- tap-i-o-ca** \ˌtəpēˈōkə\ *n* : a granular starch used esp. in puddings
- tar** \ˈtär\ *n* : thick dark sticky liquid distilled (as from coal) ~
vb -rr- : treat or smear with tar
- ta-ran-tu-la** \təˈranchələ, -ˈrantələ\ *n* : large hairy usu. harmless spider
- tar-dy** \ˈtārdē\ *adj -di-er; -est* : late — **tar-di-ly** \ˈtārdiˈlē\ *adv* — **tar-di-ness** *n*
- tar-get** \ˈtārgət\ *n* **1** : mark to shoot at **2** : goal to be achieved ~ *vb* **1** : make a target of **2** : establish as a goal
- tar-iff** \ˈtarəf\ *n* **1** : duty or rate of duty imposed on imported goods **2** : schedule of tariffs, rates, or charges
- tar-nish** \ˈtārnish\ *vb* : make or become dull or discolored — **tarnish** *n*
- tar-pau-lin** \tärˈpōlən, ˈtärpə-\ *n* : waterproof protective covering
- ¹**tar-ry** \ˈtarē\ *vb -ried; -ry-ing* : be slow in leaving
- ²**tar-ry** \ˈtārē\ *adj* : resembling or covered with tar
- ¹**tart** \ˈtärt\ *adj* **1** : pleasantly sharp to the taste **2** : caustic — **tart-ly** *adv* — **tart-ness** *n*
- ²**tart** *n* : small pie
- tar-tan** \ˈtärtən\ *n* : woolen fabric with a plaid design
- tar-tar** \ˈtärtər\ *n* : hard crust on the teeth
- task** \ˈtask\ *n* : assigned work
- task-mas-ter** *n* : one that burdens another with labor
- tas-sel** \ˈtasəl, ˈtäs-\ *n* : hanging ornament made of a bunch of cords fastened at one end
- taste** \ˈtāst\ *vb* **tast-ed; tast-ing**
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-ly** *adv* — **taste-less** *adj* — **taste-less-ly** *adv* — **tast-er** *n*
- tasty** \ˈtāstē\ *adj* **tast-i-er; -est** : pleasing to the sense of taste — **tast-i-ness** *n*
- tat-ter** \ˈtatər\ *n* **1** : part torn and left hanging **2 pl** : tattered clothing ~ *vb* : make or become ragged
- tat-tle** \ˈtatəl\ *vb -tled; -tling* : inform on someone — **tat- tler** *n*
- tat-tle-tale** *n* : one that tattles
- tat-too** \taˈtü\ *vb* : mark the skin with indelible designs or figures — **tattoo** *n*