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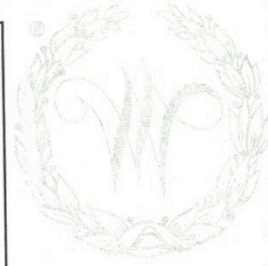
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and reconciled them both —Richard Steele) 3: to bring to a suitable state by mixing in or adding a usu. liquid ingredient: as a: to mix (clay) with water or a modifier (as grog) and knead to a uniform texture b: to mix oil with (colors) in making paint ready for use 4 a (1) : to soften (as hardened steel or cast iron) by reheating at a lower temperature (2) : to harden (as steel) by reheating and cooling in oil b : to anneal or toughen (glass) by a process of gradually heating and cooling 5 : to make stronger and more resilient through hardship : TOUGHEN (troops ~ed in battle) 6 a : to put in tune with something : ATTUNE b : to adjust the pitch of (a note, chord, or instrument) to a temperament — **tem-per-able** \-p(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* — **tem-per-er** \-pə-rə-rə/ *n*

temper *n* (14c) 1 a *archaic* : a suitable proportion or balance of qualities : a middle state between extremes : MEAN, MEDIUM (<virtue is... a just ~ between propensities — T. B. Macaulay>) b *archaic* : CHARACTER, QUALITY (the ~ of the land you design to sow — John Mortimer) c : characteristic tone : TREND (<the ~ of the times>) d : high quality of mind or spirit : COURAGE 2 a : the state of a substance with respect to certain desired qualities (as hardness, elasticity, or workability); *esp* : the degree of hardness or resiliency given steel by tempering b : the feel and relative solidity of leather 3 a : a characteristic cast of mind or state of feeling : DISPOSITION b : calmness of mind : COMPOSURE c : state of feeling or frame of mind at a particular time usu. dominated by a single strong emotion d : heat of mind or emotion : proneness to anger : PASSION 4 : a substance (as a metal) added to or mixed with something else (as another metal) to modify the properties of the latter *syn* see DISPOSITION

tem-per-a \-tem-pə-rə/ *n* [It *tempera*, lit., temper, fr. *temperare* to temper; fr. L] (1832) 1 : a process of painting in which an albuminous or colloidal medium (as egg yolk) is employed as a vehicle instead of oil; *also* : a painting done in *tempera* 2 : POSTER COLOR

tem-per-a-ment \-tem-p(ə)-rə-mənt-, -p(ə)-rə-mənt/ *n* [ME, fr. L *temperamentum*, fr. *temperare* to mix, temper] (15c) 1 *obs* a : constitution of a substance, body, or organism with respect to the mixture or balance of its elements, qualities, or parts : MAKEUP b : COMPLEXION 1 2 *obs* a : CLIMATE b : TEMPERATURE 3 a : the peculiar or distinguishing mental or physical character determined by the relative proportions of the humors according to medieval physiology b : characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response (a nervous ~) c : extremely high sensibility; *esp* : excessive sensitiveness or irritability 4 a : the act or process of tempering or modifying : ADJUSTMENT, COMPROMISE b : middle course : MEAN 5 : the process of slightly modifying the musical intervals of the pure scale to produce a set of 12 equally spaced tones to the octave which enables a keyboard instrument to play in all keys *syn* see DISPOSITION

tem-per-a-men-tal \-tem-p(ə)-rə-'men-tl-, -tem-p(ə)-rəl/ *adj* (1646) 1 : of, relating to, or arising from temperament : CONSTITUTIONAL (~ peculiarities) 2 a : marked by excessive sensitivity and impulsive changes of mood (a ~ child) b : unpredictable in behavior or performance — **tem-per-a-men-tal-ly** \-t(ə)-rə-'m(ə)-nt(ə)-li/ *adv*

tem-per-ance \-tem-p(ə)-rə-'n(ə)s-, -p(ə)-r(ə)-n(ə)s/ *n* [ME, fr. L *temperantia*, fr. *temperant-*, *temperans*, pp. of *temperare* to moderate, be moderate] (14c) 1 : moderation in action, thought, or feeling : RESTRAINT 2 a : habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions b : moderation in or abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink

tem-per-ate \-tem-p(ə)-rət/ *adj* [ME *temperat*, fr. L *temperatus*, fr. pp. of *temperare*] (14c) 1 : marked by moderation: as a : keeping or held within limits : not extreme or excessive : MILD b : moderate in indulgence of appetite or desire c : moderate in the use of intoxicating liquors d : marked by an absence or avoidance of extravagance, violence, or extreme partisanship 2 a : having a moderate climate b : found in or associated with a moderate climate (~ insects) 3 : existing as a prophage in infected cells and rarely causing lysis (~ bacteriophages) — **tem-per-ate-ly** *adv* — **tem-per-ate-ness** *n*

temperate rain forest *n* (ca. 1930) : woodland of a usu. rather mild climatic area within the temperate zone that receives heavy rainfall, usu. includes numerous kinds of trees, and is distinguished from a tropical rain forest by the presence of a dominant tree

temperate zone *n*, *often cap T&Z* (1551) : the area or region between the tropic of Cancer and the arctic circle or between the tropic of Capricorn and the antarctic circle

tem-per-a-ture \-tem-p(ə)-'tʃ(ər)-, -p(ə)-'r(ə)-, -char-, -tʃ(ər)-, -tʃ(ər)-/ *n* [L *temperatura* mixture, moderation, fr. *temperatus*, pp. of *temperare*] (1533) 1 *archaic* a : COMPLEXION 1 b : TEMPERAMENT 3b 2 a : degree of hotness or coldness measured on a definite scale — compare THERMOMETER b : the degree of heat that is natural to the body of a living being c : abnormally high body heat d : relative state of emotional warmth (scandals raised the political ~)

temperature inversion *n* (1921) : INVERSION 6

tem-per-ed \-tem-p(ə)-'d/ *adj* (14c) 1 a : having the elements mixed in satisfying proportions : TEMPERATE b : qualified, lessened, or diluted by the mixture or influence of an additional ingredient : MODERATED (a pale gleam of ~ sunlight fell through the leaves — W. H. Hudson [1922]) 2 : treated by tempering; *esp.* of glass : treated so as to impart increased strength and the property of shattering into pellets when broken 3 : having a specified temper — used in combination (<short-tempered>) 4 : conforming to adjustment by temperament — used of a musical interval, intonation, semitone, or scale

tem-pest \-tem-p(ə)-st/ *n* [ME, fr. OF *tempeste*, fr. (assumed) VL *tempesta*, alter. of L *tempestas* season, weather, storm, fr. *tempus* time] (13c) 1 : a violent storm 2 : TUMULT, UPROAR

tem-pest-iv \-tem-p(ə)-st-iv/ *adj* (14c) : to raise a tempest in or around

tem-pest-i-ous \-tem-p(ə)-st-ə-'w(ə)s-, -'pesh-/ *adj* [LL *tempestuosus*, fr. OL *tempestas* season, weather, storm, fr. *tempus*] (1509) : of, relating to, or resembling a tempest : TURBULENT, STORMY (~ weather) (a ~ relationship) — **tem-pest-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **tem-pest-i-ous-ness** *n*

Tem-plar \-tem-plər/ *n* [ME *templar*, fr. OF *templier*, fr. ML *templarius*, fr. L *templum* temple] (13c) 1 : a knight of a religious military order established in the early 12th century in Jerusalem for the protection of pilgrims and the Holy Sepulcher 2 *not cap* : a barrister or student of law in London 3 : KNIGHT TEMPLAR 2

tem-plate *also* **tem-plet** \-tem-plət/ *n* [prob. fr. F *templet*, dim. of *temple*, part of a loom, prob. fr. L *templum*] (1677) 1 : a short piece or block placed horizontally in a wall under a beam to distribute its

weight or pressure (as over a door) 2 a (1) : a gauge, pattern, or mold (as a thin plate or board) used as a guide to the form of a piece being made (2) : a molecule (as of DNA) that serves as a pattern for the generation of another macromolecule (as messenger RNA) b : OVERLAY c 3 : something that establishes or serves as a pattern

tem-ple \-tem-p(ə)-l/ *n* [ME, fr. OE & OF; OE *tempel* & OF *temple*, both fr. L *templum* space marked out for observation of auguries, temple, small timber; prob. akin to Gk *temenos* sacred precinct, *temnein* to cut — more at TOME] (bef. 12c) 1 : an edifice for religious exercises: as a *often cap* : one of three successive national sanctuaries in ancient Jerusalem b : a building for Mormon sacred ordinances c : a Reform or Conservative synagogue 2 : a local lodge of any of various fraternal orders; *also* : the building housing it 3 : a place devoted to a special purpose — **tem-ple-ly** *adv*

tem-ple *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. (assumed) VL *tempula*, alter. of L *tempora* (pl.) temples] (14c) 1 : the flattened space on each side of the forehead of some mammals including humans 2 : one of the side supports of a pair of glasses jointed to the bows and passing on each side of the head

tem-po \-tem-(p)ō/ *n*, *pl* **tem-pi** \-(p)ē/ or **tem-pos** [It, lit., time, fr. L *tempus*] (ca. 1724) 1 : the rate of speed of a musical piece or passage indicated by one of a series of directions (as largo, presto, or allegro) and often by an exact metronome marking 2 : rate of motion or activity : PACE

tem-po-ral \-tem-(p)ə-'r(ə)-l/ *adj* [ME, fr. L *temporalis*, fr. *tempor-*, *tempus* time] (14c) 1 a : of or relating to time as opposed to eternity b : of or relating to earthly life c : lay or secular rather than clerical or sacred : CIVIL (lords ~) 2 : of or relating to grammatical tense or a distinction of time 3 a : of or relating to time as distinguished from space b : of or relating to the sequence of time or to a particular time : CHRONOLOGICAL — **tem-po-ral-ly** *adv*

tempo-ral [MF, fr. *temporal*, *adj.*] (1541) : a temporal part (as a bone or muscle)

tempo-ral *adj* [MF, fr. LL *temporalis*, fr. L *tempora* temples] (1597) : of or relating to the temples or the sides of the skull behind the orbits

tempo-ral bone *n* (1771) : a compound bone of the side of the skull of some mammals including humans

tem-po-ral-i-ty \-tem-(p)ə-'r(ə)-l-ē-tē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** (14c) 1 a : civil or political as distinguished from spiritual or ecclesiastical power or authority b : an ecclesiastical property or revenue — *often* used in pl. 2 : the quality or state of being temporal

tem-po-ral-ize \-tem-(p)ə-'r(ə)-l-ī-z/ *v* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** (1828) 1 : SECULARIZE 2 : to place or define in time relations

tempo-ral lobe *n* (ca. 1891) : a large lobe of each cerebral hemisphere that is situated in front of the occipital lobe and contains a sensory area associated with the organ of hearing

tempo-ral summation *n* (1950) : sensory summation that involves the addition of single stimuli over a short period of time

tem-po-rar-i-ly \-tem-p(ə)-'r(ə)-r-ē-lē/ *adv* (1534) : during a limited time

tem-po-rar-y \-tem-p(ə)-'r(ə)-r-ē-/ *adj* [L *temporarius*, fr. *tempor-*, *tempus* time] (ca. 1564) : lasting for a limited time — **tem-po-rar-i-ness** *n*

tempo-rar-y *n*, *pl* **-rar-ies** (1848) : one serving for a limited time (<adding several temporaries as typists during the summer>)

tempo-rary duty *n* (1945) : temporary military service away from one's permanent duty station

tem-po-rise *Brit var* of TEMPORIZE

tem-po-rize \-tem-p(ə)-'rī-z/ *v* **-rized**; **-riz-ing** [MF *temporiser*, fr. ML *temporizare* to pass the time, fr. L *tempor-*, *tempus*] (1579) 1 : to act to suit the time or occasion : yield to current or dominant opinion 2 : to draw out discussions or negotiations so as to gain time (you'd have to ~ until you found out how she wanted to be advised — Mary Austin) — **tem-po-ri-za-tion** \-tem-p(ə)-'rī-z-ə-'t(ə)-n/ *n* — **tem-po-riz-er** *n*

tem-po-ro-man-dib-ular \-tem-p(ə)-r(ə)-mān-'dī-by(ə)-l(ə)r-/ *adj* [Temporal + -o- + mandibular] (1889) : of, relating to, being, or affecting the joint between the temporal bone and the mandible (~ dysfunction)

tempt \-tempt/ *v* [ME, fr. OF *tempter*, *tenter*, fr. L *temptare*, *tentare* to feel, try] (13c) 1 : to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain 2 a *obs* : to make trial of : TEST b : to try presumptuously : PROVOKE c : to risk the dangers of 3 a : to induce to do something b : to cause to be strongly inclined (<was ~ed to call it quits>) *syn* see LURE — **tempt-able** \-tempt(ə)-b(ə)-l/ *adj*

tempt-a-tion \-tempt(ə)-'t(ə)-sh(ə)n/ *n* (13c) 1 : the act of tempting or the state of being tempted esp. to evil : ENTICEMENT 2 : something tempting : a cause or occasion of enticement

tempt-er \-tempt(ə)-'t(ə)-r/ *n* (14c) : one that tempts or entices

tempt-ing *adj* (1596) : having an appeal : ENTICING (<a ~ offer>) — **tempt-ing-ly** \-t(ə)-mpt(ə)-'t(ə)-r-ē-/ *adv*

tempt-ress \-tempt(ə)-'tr(ə)s-/ *n* (1594) : a woman who tempts or entices

tem-pu-ra \-tem-p(ə)-'r(ə)-, -r(ə)-, -p(ə)-'r(ə)-/ *n* [Jp *tempura*] (1920) : seafood or vegetables dipped in batter and fried in deep fat

ten \-ten/ *n* [ME, fr. OE *tēne*, fr. *tēn*, *adj.*, *ten*; akin to OHG *zehan* ten, L *decem*, Gk *deka*] (bef. 12c) 1 — see NUMBER table 2 : the 10th in a set or series (<wears a ~>) 3 : something having 10 units or members 4 : a 10-dollar bill — **ten** *adj* — **ten** *pron*, *pl* in *constr*

ten-a-ble \-ten(ə)-b(ə)-l/ *adj* [MF, fr. OF, fr. *tenir* to hold, fr. L *tenere* — more at THIN] (1579) : capable of being held, maintained, or defended : DEFENSIBLE, REASONABLE — **ten-a-bil-i-ty** \-ten(ə)-'b(ə)-l-ē-tē/ *n* — **ten-a-ble-ness** *n* — **ten-a-bly** \-ten(ə)-b(ə)-l-ē-/ *adv*

ten-ace \-ten(ə)-n(ə)s-, te-'n(ə)s-, 'te-n(ə)s/ *n* [modif. of Sp *tenaza*, lit., forceps, prob. fr. L *tenacia*, neut. pl. of *tenax*] (1655) : a combination of two high or relatively high cards (as ace and queen) of the same suit in one hand with one ranking two degrees below the other

ten-a-cious \-ten(ə)-n(ə)-'sh(ə)s-/ *adj* [L *tenac-*, *tenax* tending to hold fast, fr. *tenere* to hold] (1607) 1 a : not easily pulled apart : COHESIVE (<a ~ metal>) b : tending to adhere or cling esp. to another substance (<~ burr>) 2 a : persistent in maintaining or adhering to something valued or habitual (~ royalist) b : RETENTIVE (<a ~ memory>) *syn* see STRONG — **ten-a-ci-ous-ly** *adv* — **ten-a-ci-ous-ness** *n*



\ə\ abut \ə\ kitten, F table \ər\ further \ə\ ash \ā\ ace \ā\ mop, mar \ə\ out \ch\ chin \el\ bet \ē\ easy \g\ go \h\ hit \i\ ice \j\ job \u\ sing \o\ go \o\ law \oi\ boy \th\ thin \th\ the \ū\ loot \ū\ foot \y\ yet \zh\ vision \á, k, ñ, œ, œ, ue, ü, see Guide to Pronunciation