

- tendency**  
 ['tendənsɪ] *n*
- 1) тенденция  
 growing tendency - набирающая силу тенденция  
 there is a tendency for the weak vowels to disappear - слабые гласные обнаруживают тенденцию к (вы)падению /к исчезновению/  
 the weather shows a tendency to improve - погода начала исправляться
  - 2) стремление  
 tendency to unite extremes - стремление /тенденция/ соединять крайности  
 the author has a welcome tendency to use the latest research literature - автор обнаруживает похвальное стремление использовать новейшую научную литературу
  2. 1) склонность  
 tendency to /towards/ drinking, tendency to drink too much - склонность к злоупотреблению спиртными напитками  
 to have a tendency to fear the worst - всегда ожидать худшего ; быть склонным к панике
  - 2) свойство  
 to have a tendency to catch cold - легко простуживаться
  - 3) направление  
 the tendency of evolution - направление эволюции  
 the upward tendency of civilization - поступательное развитие цивилизации
  3. цель; идея, замысел (*пьесы, романа*)
  4. тенденциозность  
 tendency play [novel] - тенденциозная пьеса [-ый роман]  
 tendency writings - тенденциозные писания

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**ten-dency** [tendency tendencies] *BrE* ['tendənsɪ] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['tendənsɪ] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

(pl. **ten-dencies**)

**1. countable** if sb/sth has a particular tendency, they are likely to behave or act in a particular way

- to **display** artistic, etc. **tendencies**
- ~ **(for sb/sth) (to do sth) | have a tendency** to talk too much when I'm nervous.
- There is a tendency for this disease to run in families.
- This material has a tendency to shrink when washed.
- ~ **(to/towards sth)** She has a strong natural tendency towards caution.

**2. countable** ~ **(for sb/sth) (to do sth) | ~ (to/towards sth)** a new custom that is starting to develop

**Syn:** ↑trend

- There is a growing tendency among employers to hire casual staff.

**3. countable + singular or plural verb** (*BrE*) a group within a larger political group, whose views are more extreme than those of the rest of the group

- the militant tendency

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from medieval Latin *tendentia*, from *tendere* 'to stretch'.

Example Bank:

- Industry showed a tendency towards increasingly centralized administration.
- The civil war reinforced the centrifugal tendencies at work within the economy.
- The later model has an unfortunate tendency to collapse after a few weeks' use.
- The tendency on the part of the children is to blame their parents for everything.
- There is a tendency for farm sizes to increase.
- There's a growing tendency for women to marry later.
- a worrying tendency among the abused to become abusers
- our natural human tendency to group all the things we don't like together
- Several patients admitted to suicidal tendencies.
- The natural tendency is to try harder when there are problems with a project.
- The training courses aim to reduce the tendency for young people to leave the industry.
- There is a growing tendency among employers to hire casual workers.
- There is a tendency for group leaders to interfere too much.
- They have a tendency towards over-optimism.
- We have a tendency to blame ourselves when things go wrong.

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**ten den cy** **S3 W3** /'tendənsɪ/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **noun** (plural **tendencies**) [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: *tendentia*, from Latin *tendere*; ⇒ ↑**tend**]

**1. if someone or something has a tendency to do or become a particular thing, they are likely to do or become it**

**a tendency to do something**

- Greg's tendency to be critical made him unpopular with his co-workers.
- The drug is effective but has a tendency to cause headaches.

**tendency to/towards**

- Some people may inherit a tendency to alcoholism.

**tendency for**

Researchers believe that the tendency for diabetes is present at birth.

2. a general change or development in a particular direction

there is a tendency (for somebody) to do something

" There is an increasing tendency for women to have children later in life.

tendency to/towards

" a general tendency towards conservation and recycling

tendency among

" a tendency among Americans to get married at a later age

3. **aggressive/suicidal/criminal/artistic etc tendencies** a part of someone's character that makes them likely to behave in a certain way or become an artist, criminal etc:

" children with aggressive or anti-social tendencies

4. [also + plural verb *British English*] a group within a larger political group that supports ideas that are usually more extreme than those of the main group:

" the growing fascist tendency

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 3)

#### ■ adjectives

- **a natural tendency** (=one you are born with) His recent experiences had reinforced a strong natural tendency towards caution.
- **an inherent/innate tendency** (=one that you are born with, which will not change) When attacked, some people have an inherent tendency to fight back.
- **a strong tendency** There is a strong tendency to give dying patients far more drugs than are necessary.
- **a marked tendency** (=noticeable) There is a marked tendency for Hollywood marriages to end in divorce.
- **aggressive/violent tendencies** Some breeds of dog have aggressive tendencies.
- **suicidal tendencies** They failed to inform the prison authorities of the man's suicidal tendencies.
- **criminal tendencies** How should we deal with young people who have criminal tendencies?
- **artistic tendencies** As he grew up, he displayed artistic tendencies.

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