#### NAmE ['tepid] tepid BrE ['tepid] adjective

# 1. slightly warm, sometimes in a way that is not pleasant

# Svn: <sup>†</sup>lukewarm

- tepid tea
- · a tepid bath

# not enthusiastic

### Syn: <sup>†</sup>lukewarm

· The play was greeted with tepid applause.

#### Word Origin:

[tepid] late Middle English: from Latin tepidus, from tepere 'be warm'.

#### Synonyms:

#### cold

#### cool • freezing • chilly • lukewarm • tepid

These words all describe sb/sth that has a low temperature.

cold • having a temperature that is lower than usual or lower than the human body; (of food or drink) not heated; cooled after being cooked: = I'm cold. Turn the heating up. ♀= Outside it was bitterly cold. ♀= a cold wind ♀= hot and cold water ♀= It's cold chicken for lunch.

cool • (often approving) fairly cold, especially in a pleasant way: = a long cool drink 🗢 We found a cool place to sit.

freezing • extremely cold; having a temperature below 0° Celsius: - It's absolutely freezing outside. I'm freezing!

chilly • (rather informal) too cold to be comfortable: • Bring a coat. It might turn chilly later.

lukewarm • (often disapproving) slightly warm, sometimes in an unpleasant way: = Her coffee was now lukewarm.

tepid • (often disapproving) slightly warm, sometimes in an unpleasant way: = a jug of tepid water

### lukewarm or tepid?

There is really no difference in meaning or use between these words.

to feel/get cold/cool/chilly cold/cool/freezing/chilly air/weather a cold/cool/freezing/chilly wind cold/cool/freezing/lukewarm/tepid water a cold/cool/lukewarm/tepid shower/bath cold/lukewarm/tepid tea/coffee/food a cold/cool drink It's cold/chilly/freezing outside.

### Example Bank:

- · She stood under the tepid shower.
- The deal drew a tepid response from shareholders.
- The tea was weak and tepid.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: tepidus, from tepere 'to be warm]

- 1. a feeling, reaction etc that is tepid shows a lack of excitement or interest SYN lukewarm : a tepid response from the audience
- 2. tepid liquid is slightly warm, especially in a way that seems unpleasant SYN lukewarm : tepid coffee

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