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Tac-i-tus (täs'ī-təs), **Publius Cornelius**. A.D. 55?–120? Roman historian.

tack¹ (tāk) ► *n.* **1.** A short light nail with a sharp point and a flat head. **2.** The position of a vessel relative to the trim of its sails. **3.** A course of action. **4.** A loose, temporary stitch. ► *v.* **1.** To fasten or attach with a tack. **2.** To add as an extra item: *tacked on a hefty surcharge*. **3.** To change the course of a vessel. [< ONFr. *taque*, fastener.] — **tack'er** *n.*

tack² (tāk) ► *n.* The harness for a horse, including the bridle and saddle. [< TACKLE.]

tack-le (tāk'əl) ► *n.* **1.** The equipment used in a sport or occupation, esp. in fishing; gear. **2.** (tāk'əl, tā'kəl). A system of ropes and blocks for raising and lowering weights. **3. Sports a.** The act of stopping a player carrying the ball, esp. by forcing the player to the ground, as in football. **b.** The act of obstructing a player so as to cause loss of possession of the ball, as in soccer. **c.** In football, either of the two line players positioned between guard and end. ► *v.* **-led, -ling** **1.** To take on and wrestle with (e.g., an opponent or problem). **2.** To stop or obstruct (an opponent) by means of a tackle. [ME *taket*.] — **tack'ler** *n.*

tack-y¹ (tāk'ē) ► *adj.* **-ier, -iest.** Gummy; sticky. [< TACK¹.] — **tack'i-ness** *n.*

tack-y² (tāk'ē) ► *adj.* **-ier, -iest** *Informal* **1.** Rundown; shabby. **2a.** Lacking style or good taste; *tacky clothes*. **b.** Vulgar; tasteless: *a tacky remark*. [< *tackey*, an inferior horse.] — **tack'i-ly** *adv.* — **tack'i-ness** *n.*

ta-co (tāk'kō) ► *n., pl. -cos.* A corn tortilla folded around a filling, as of meat or cheese. [Am.Sp. < Sp., wad of bank notes.]

Ta-co-ma (tə-kō'mə) A city of W-central WA S of Seattle. Pop. 176,664.

tac-o-nite (tāk'ə-nīt) ► *n.* A variety of chert mined as an iron ore. [After the Taconic Mountains in New York.]

tact (tāk) ► *n.* Sensitivity in dealing with others. [< Lat. *tactus*, sense of touch.] — **tact'-ful** *adj.* — **tact'less** *adj.*

tac-tic (tāk'tik) ► *n.* **1.** An expedient for achieving a goal; maneuver. **2. tactics** (*takes sing. v.*) The military science of securing objectives set by strategy. [< Gk. *taktika*, tactics.] — **tac'ti-cal** *adj.* — **tac'ti'cian** (-tish'an) *n.*

tac-tile (tāk'təl, -tīl') ► *adj.* Of, perceptible to, or proceeding from the sense of touch. [< Lat. *tangere*, *tact-*, touch.] — **tac'tile-ly** *adv.* — **tac'til'i-ty** (-tīl'i-tē) *n.*

tad (tād) ► *n. Informal* **1.** A small boy. **2.** A small amount or degree. [Perh. < TADPOLE.]

tad-pole (tād'pōl') ► *n.* The limbless aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, with gills and a long flat tail. [ME *taddepol*.]

Tae-gu (ī-gōō') A city of SE South Korea NNW of Pusan. Pop. 2,031,000.

Tae-jon (ī-jōn', -jōn') A city of central South Korea SSE of Seoul. Pop. 866,148.

tae kwon do (ī' kwōn' dō') ► *n.* A Korean art of self-defense. [Korean *t'aekwōndo*.]

taf-fe-ta (tāf'fī-tā) ► *n.* A crisp, lustrous, plain-woven fabric of silk, rayon, or nylon. [< Pers. *tāftah*, silk or linen cloth.]

taf-fy (tāf'ē) ► *n., pl. -fies.* A sweet chewy candy of molasses or brown sugar. [?]

Taft (tāft), **William Howard**. 1857–1930. The 27th US President (1909–13); chief justice of the US Supreme Court (1921–30).



William Howard Taft

tag¹ (täg) ► *n.* **1.** A strip of paper, metal, or plastic attached to something to identify, classify, or label. **2.** The plastic or metal tip at the end of a shoelace. **3.** A designation or epithet. **4. Comp. Sci.** A character sequence in a markup language that gives information, esp. formatting specifications. ► *v.* **tagged, tag-ging** **1.** To label, identify, or recognize with or as with a tag. See *Syns at mark*¹. **2.** To follow closely. **3.** To mark or vandalize (a surface) with graffiti. [ME *tagge*, dangling piece of cloth on a garment.] — **tag'-ger** *n.*

tag² (täg) ► *n.* **1.** A children's game in which one player pursues the others until he or she touches one of them, who in turn becomes the pursuer. **2. Baseball** The act of tagging a player out. ► *v.* **tagged, tag-ging** **1.** To touch (another player) in the game of tag. **2. Baseball** To touch (a runner) with the ball in order to put that player out. [?]

Ta-ga-log (tə-gä'lög, -lög) ► *n., pl. -logs* **1.** A member of a people native to the Philippines. **2.** The Austronesian language of the Tagalog.

Ta-gore (tə-gōr', -gōr', tā-), Sir **Rabindra-nath**. 1861–1941. Indian writer; 1913 Nobel.

Ta-gus (tā'gəs) A river rising in E-central Spain and flowing about 941 km (585 mi) through central Portugal to the Atlantic.

ta-hi-ni (tə-hē'nē) ► *n.* A paste made from ground sesame seeds. [< Ar. *tahīna*.]

Ta-hi-ti (tə-hē'tē) An island of the S Pacific in the Society Is. of French Polynesia.

Ta-hi-tian (tə-hē'shən) ► *n.* **1.** A native or inhabitant of Tahiti. **2.** The Polynesian language of Tahiti. — **Ta-hi'tian** *adj.*

Ta-hoe (tā'hō), **Lake**. A lake on the CA-NV border W of Carson City, NV.

Tai (tī) ► *n., pl. Tai* or **Tais** **1.** A family of languages of SE Asia and S China that includes Thai and Lao. **2.** A member of a Tai-speaking people. **3.** Thai. — **Tai** *adj.*

tai chi or **Tai Chi** (tī' chē', jē') ► *n.* A Chinese system of physical exercise designed esp. for self-defense and meditation. [< Mandarin *tai ji* (*quán*), highest reach (boxing).]

Tai-chung (tī'chōng', -jōng') A city of W-central Taiwan SW of Taipei. Pop. 621,566.

taï-ga (tī'gə) ► *n.* The subarctic evergreen forest of N Eurasia just south of the tundra. [Russ. *taïga*.]

tail (tāl) ► *n.* **1.** The hind part of an animal, esp. when extending beyond the main part of the body. **2.** The bottom, rear, or hindmost part of something. **3a.** The rear of an aircraft. **b.** An