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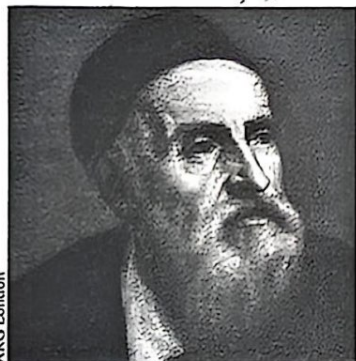
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ti-ti /tee tē, tē tē/ (plural -tis) *n* an arboreal monkey with a round face, thick soft fur, and a long tail. Native to: tropical South America. Genus: *Callicebus*. [Mid-18C. Via Spanish *titi* < Aymara.]

ti-ti /ti ti, tē tē/ *n* 1 an evergreen shrub or small tree with glossy leathery leaves. Flowers: fragrant, white or pinkish. Native to: SE United States. *Cliftonia monophylla*. 2 a small evergreen tree or shrub with leathery leaves and yellow fruit. Native to: SE United States, Central and South America. *Cyrilla racemiflora*. [Early 19C. < ?]

ti-tian /tish'n/, **Ti-tian** *adj* of a gold-tinged auburn color o *ti-tian hair* [Late 19C. After *TITIAN*, who used the color frequently.]



Titian: Self-portrait (1555)

Ti-tian /tishən/ (1477–1576) Italian painter. Born Tiziano Vecellio

Ti-ti-ca-ca, Lake /titi kākā/ largest lake in South America, extending from SE Peru to W Bolivia. Area: 3,200 sq. mi./8,288 sq. km.

tit-il-late /titi' lāy/ (-lat-ed, -lat-ing, -lates) *v* 1 *vti* to excite or stimulate somebody pleasurable, usually in a mildly sexual way 2 *vt* to cause a tingling sensation in somebody by touching him or her lightly [Early 17C. < Latin *titillare* "tickle."] —**tit-il-lat-ing** *adj* —**tit-il-lat-ing-ly** *adv* —**tit-il-la-tion** /titi' lāysh'n/ *n* —**tit-il-la-tive** *adj*

tit-i-vate /titi vāy/ (-vat-ed, -vat-ing, -vates), **tit-i-vate** (-vat-ed, -vat-ing, -vates) *vti* to improve the appearance of somebody or something by neatening or adding decoration [Early 19C. Alteration of earlier *tivariate* < ?] —**tit-i-va-tion** /titi vāysh'n/ *n* —**tit-i-va-tor** /titi vāytor/ *n*

tit-lark /tit lārək/ *n* **BIRDS** = pipit [Mid-17C. < TIT? + LARK.]

ti-tle /tit'v/ *n* 1 **NAME** a name that identifies a book, movie, play, painting, musical composition, or other literary or artistic work 2 **DESCRIPTIVE HEADING** a descriptive heading for something such as a book chapter, a magazine article, or a speech 3 **DESIGNATION ADDED TO A NAME** a word such as "Mr.", "Ms.", "Dr.", or "Lord" added to and usually preceding a person's name to indicate his or her rank, social status, or profession, or as a courtesy. 4 **NAME DESCRIBING A POSITION** a name that describes somebody's job or position in a company or organization o *a job title* 5 **CHAMPIONSHIP** the status of champion in a sport or competition o *a title fight* 6 **RIGHT OR PROOF OF RIGHT** any legitimate right or anything providing proof or justification for that claim 7 **PUBLISHED WORK** a work published or recorded by a company o *this spring's new titles* 8 **DOCUMENT** a document giving the legal right to property 9 **EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS** the evidence of legal right to property 10 **PUBL** = title page 11 **CLAIM BASED ON A RIGHT** a claim based on a legitimate right 12 **RIGHT TO POSSESS PROPERTY** a legal right to possess and dispose of property 13 **DIVISION** a division of a law, statute, or law book 14 **LAW HEADING** a heading for a lawsuit or legal action, or one that names a document or statute 15 **REQUIREMENT OF ORDINATION** a source of income or office in the church required of a candidate by the Church of England before ordination 16 **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ROME** a Roman Catholic church in or near Rome that has a bishop or cardinal as its nominal head ■ **ti-tles** *npl* **CREDITS OR SUBTITLES ON SCREEN** the written presentation on the screen of credits, narration, or subtitles in a movie or television program ■ **vt** (-tled, -tling, -tles) 1 **NAME SOMETHING** to give a name or title to a person or thing 2 **CALL BY A TITLE** to call a person by a title [Pre-12C. Via Old French < Latin *titulus* "inscription."] —**ti-tled** *adj*

ti-tle deed *n* a deed or document that is evidence of somebody's legal right to property

ti-tle-holder /tit' lōldər/ *n* 1 a holder of a sports championship title 2 a holder of legal title to property —**ti-tle-hold-ing** *n*

ti-tle page *n* a page at the beginning of a book that gives its title and the name of the author and publisher

ti-tle role *n* the role in a play or movie that gives the work its name

ti-tlist /tit'lis/ *n* **SPORTS** = titleholder *n.* 1

tit-man /titmən/ (plural -men /titmən/) *n* **Northeast US** 1 the runt of a litter, especially of hogs 2 an offensive term for a person regarded as short in stature [Early 19C. < obsolete *tit* "something small, runt" < ?]

tit-mouse /tit mōwss/ (plural -mice /-miss/) *n* a small insect-eating bird. Native to: forests of North America, Asia, Africa, Europe. Genus: *Parus*. [14C. Alteration (influenced by *mouse*) of *titmouse* < obsolete *tit* "something small, runt" + *mouse* "titmouse" (< Old English *māse*).]



Tito

Ti-to /tēto/ (1892–1980) Yugoslav patriot and statesman. Known as Marshal Tito. Born Josip Broz

Ti-to-ism /tē to lizzəm/ *n* the form of Communism associated with Tito and practiced by him in Yugoslavia, especially involving the pursuit of national interests independent of the then Soviet Union and its satellites —**Ti-to-ist** *n, adj*

ti-trant /tītrənt/ *n* a reagent, e.g., a solution of known concentration, that is added in titration [Mid-20C. < TITRATE.]

ti-trate /tī trāy/ (-trat-ed, -trat-ing, -trates) *vt* to measure the concentration of a solution by titration [Late 19C. < French *titrer* < *titre* (see TITER).] —**ti-trat-a-ble** *adj*

ti-tra-tion /tī trāysh'n/ *n* a method of calculating the concentration of a dissolved substance in a known volume of test solution by adding measured quantities of a reagent of known concentration until a specific reaction occurs

ti-tre /tītrə/ *n* **UK** = *titler*

ti-tri-met-ric /tītrə mētrik/ *adj* using or calculated by titration [Late 19C. < TITRATION.] —**ti-tri-met-ri-cal-ly** *adv*

tit-ter /titər/ *vi* to laugh in a nervous self-conscious way ■ *n* a short high-pitched nervous laugh or giggle [Early 17C. An imitation of the sound.] —**tit-ter-er** *n* —**tit-ter-ing** *n* —**tit-ter-ing-ly** *adv*

tit-tle /tit'v/ *n* 1 the tiniest bit 2 a small mark used in printing and writing such as an accent, punctuation, or diacritical mark [14C. < medieval Latin *titulus* "small superscript mark" < Latin, "title."]

tit-tle-tat-tle *n* idle gossip ■ *vi* (-tit-tle-tat-tled, -tit-tle-tat-tling, -tit-tle-tat-tles) to gossip or chatter idly [Early 16C. Doubling of *TATTLE*.] —**tit-tle-tat-ter** *n*

tit-tup /titəp/ *vi* (-tup-ed or -tupped, -tup-ing or -tup-ping, -tups) to move in a lively prancing way ■ *n* a sometimes exaggerated lively prancing movement [Late 17C. < ?]

tit-u-ba-tion /titə bāysh'n/ *n* an unsteady or stumbling gait or a head tremor, often caused by a disorder of the cerebellum [Mid-17C. < Latin *tubare* "stagger."]

ti-u-lar /titshələr/ *adj* 1 **IN NAME ONLY** having a particular title, rank, or position but not possessing the power or exercising the functions usually associated with it 2 **WITH A TITLE OF RANK** holding a title of rank 3 **FROM A TITLE** derived from or figuring in the title of a work such as a book or movie 4 **FROM AN INACTIVE SEE** bearing the title of a see or monastery that is no longer active ■ *n* 1 **SOMEBODY WITH**

A TITLE OF RANK a holder of a title of rank 2 **HOLDER OF A NOMINAL TITLE** a holder of a title in name only [Late 16C. < Latin *titulus* "title."] —**ti-tu-lar-ly** *adv* —**ti-tu-lar-y** *n*

Ti-tus /tītəs/ *n* in the Bible, an early Christian leader, and a disciple of St. Paul.

Ti-tus *n* in the Bible, a letter addressed to Titus, traditionally believed to be from St. Paul.

Ti-tus /tītəs/ (39–81) Roman general and emperor (79–81). Full name *Titus Flavius Sablinus Vespasianus*

Tiv /tiv/ (plural *Tivs* or *Tiv*) *n* 1 a member of a people living in West Africa, mainly in S Nigeria and neighboring Cameroon 2 the Benue-Congo language of the Tiv people. Native speakers: 1.5 million. [Mid-20C. < Bantu.] —**Tiv** *adj*

Ti-vo-li /tīvəlee/ town in central Italy. Population: 54,352 (1990).

Ti-wa /tēwə/ (plural -was or -wa) *n* 1 a member of a group of Pueblo peoples who lived in New Mexico, and who now live mainly in Texas and N New Mexico 2 the Tanoan language of the Tiwa people. Native speakers: 5,000. [Early 18C. < *Tiwa*.] —**Ti-wa** *adj*

Tiz-ard /tiz ārd/, Dame Cath (b. 1931) New Zealand stateswoman and governor general (1990–96). Full name Dame Catherine Anne Tizard

tiz-zy /tīzzē/ *n* a nervous agitated state (*Informal*) [Mid-20C. < ?]

tj *abbr* Tajikistan (*In Internet addresses*)

T-joint, tee-joint *n* a joint in wood or other material forming the letter T

TKO *abbr* technical knockout

TI *symbol* thallium

Tlax-cala /tlāks kālā, -kālā/ capital of Tlaxcala State in east central Mexico. Population: 911,696 (1997 estimate).

TLC *abbr* tender loving care (*Informal*)

Tlem-cen /tlem sən/ city in NW Algeria. Population: 126,882 (1987).

Tlin-git /tling git, tlingjiv/ (plural -gits or -git) *n* 1 a member of a group of Native North American peoples who lived on coastal SE Alaska, and who now live mainly there and in British Columbia 2 the Na-Dene language of the Tlingit people. Native speakers: 2,000. [Mid-19C. < Tlingit, "person."] —**Tlin-git** *adj*

T lym-pho-cyte *n* **BIO** = T cell

tm *abbr* Turkmenistan (*In Internet addresses*)

Tm *symbol* thulium

TM *abbr* 1 trademark 2 transcendental meditation

T-man *n* a special investigator of the Department of the Treasury (*Informal*)

tme-sis /tmēs is, mēssiss, tē mēssiss/ *n* the separation of the parts of a word by inserting a word or words between them [Mid-16C. < Greek *tmēsis* "cutting" < *temnein* "cut."]

TMJ syn-drome *n, abbr* temporomandibular joint syndrome

TMT *abbr* tech, media, and telecom

tn *abbr* Tunisia (*In Internet addresses*)

TN *abbr* Tennessee

TNT *n* C₇H₅N₃O₆ a yellow flammable crystalline compound. Use: explosive. Full form *trinitrotoluene*

tnx *abbr* thanks (*In e-mails*)

to ¹ (strong) /toʊ/; (weak) /tə, tə/ **CORE MEANING**: a preposition or adverb indicating the direction, destination, or position of somebody or something o *I met him on his way to school.* o *She climbed all the way to the top.* o *You'll see a supermarket to your left.*

1 **INDICATES DIRECTION** indicates the direction or destination of somebody or something o *He was on his way to the party.* 2 **INDICATES POSITION** indicates the position of somebody or something o *To the right of the door is a bulletin board.* 3 **FORMS INFINITIVE** used before the base form of a verb to make the infinitive of that verb o *I want to leave now.* 4 **INDICATES PURPOSE** used with the base form of a verb to indicate the intention or purpose of an action o *The news agency is used to distribute information.* 5 **INDICATES RECIPIENT** indicates the recipient of something (with a noun phrase to form the indirect object) o *Give it to me.* o *mail sent to another user on the same computer* 6 **INDICATES DIRECTION OF FEELING OR ACTION** indicates who or what a particular feeling or action is directed toward o *I was very grateful to her for everything she did for me.*

7 INDICATES ATTACHMENT indicates that two things are joined together *Each triangle consists of three square faces joined to one another along two edges.* **8 UNTIL** indicates that something goes on until a certain time or until it reaches a certain amount *He closes the store on Mondays and opens from Tuesday to Saturday.* **9 INDICATES RANGE** indicates a range of things or topics *Medical studies have explored everything from pollution to pesticides to genetics to parental occupations to electromagnetic fields.* **10 INDICATES RESULT OF CHANGE** indicates what somebody or something is changing into or becoming *Their excitement soon turned to gloom when they saw what the climb entailed.* **11 INDICATES SIMULTANEITY** indicates that two things are happening at the same time, especially that a particular sound or music accompanies another action *I woke up to the sound of the telephone ringing.* **12 INDICATES EQUALITY** indicates equality, e.g., of two weights, amounts, or measurements *There are 12 inches to the foot.* **13 AS COMPARED WITH** indicates comparison between two things, e.g., scores in a game *The score was 5 to 3 in favor of our team.* **14 BEFORE HOUR** indicates the number of minutes before the hour *It was five to seven before they arrived home.* **15 AT** (at regional) *He's over to the doctor's.* **adv 1 SHUT OR ALMOST SHUT** indicates that a door is shut or across the opening but not completely or firmly shut *He pulled the door to after him.* **2 CONSCIOUS AGAIN** into a state of lucidity and consciousness *came to in the recovery room* *He brought the patient to 3 INTO WIND* into the direction from which the wind is blowing *turned the yacht to* [Old English *tō*, < Germanic.]

SPELLCHECK Do not confuse *to* with *too* or *two*, which may sound similar. Beware: your spellchecker will not catch this error.

to² abbr Tonga (in Internet addresses)

toad /tɒd/ *n* 1 **TERRESTRIAL AMPHIBIAN** SIMILAR TO FROG a small squat tailless amphibian distributed nearly worldwide. It is similar to a frog but has dry warty skin and, except for breeding in water, lives mostly on land. Family: Bufonidae. 2 **AMPHIBIAN THAT RESEMBLES TOAD** an amphibian similar to a toad such as the horned toad but belonging to a different taxonomic family 3 **OFFENSIVE TERM** an offensive term for somebody considered loathsome or disgusting [Old English *tādige* < ?] —**toad-ish** *adj*

toad-fish /tɒd fɪʃ/ (*plural -fish or -fish-es*) *n* a scaleless spiny bottom-feeding fish with a broad flattened head and wide mouth. Native to: tropical and temperate seas. Family: Batrachoididae.

toad-flax /tɒd flæks/ (*plural -flax-es or -flax*) *n* 1 a narrow-leaved plant widespread in North America. Flowers: spurred, two-lipped, orange-and-yellow, similar to snapdragon's. Native to: Europe. *Linaria vulgaris*. 2 a plant related to the common toadflax and similar to it. Flowers: lilac-colored. Genus: *Linaria*.

toad spit, **toad spit-ite** *n* INSECTS = cuckoo spit

toad-stone /tɒd stɒn/ *n* a stone or similar object believed to have formed in the head or body of a toad, formerly worn around the neck as a charm against evil and disease

toad-stool /tɒd stʊl/ *n* a poisonous umbrella-shaped fungus with a spore-producing round flat cap on a stalk [14C. Because it resembles a small stool and grows where toads are found.]

toad-y /tɒd-ee/ (*plural -ies*) *n* a self-serving person who behaves in a servile sycophantic manner, fawning on and flattering people with power or influence ■ *vi* (-ied, -y-ing, -ies) to behave in an obsequious and ingratiating manner [Early 19C. Shortening of *toadeater* "toady."] —**toad-y-ish** *adj* —**toad-y-ism** *n*

Toa-ma-si-na /twa-ma se-nə/ major port in E Madagascar, on the Indian Ocean. Population: 127,441 (1993).

to and fro *adv* 1 moving backward and forward 2 moving about here and there —**to-and-fro** *adj*, *n* —**to-ing and fro-ing** *n*

toast /təʊst/ *n* 1 **BREAD BROWNED WITH HEAT** sliced bread that has been browned on both sides with heat, in a toaster, under a grill, or in front of an open fire 2 **CALL TO HONOR** a call to a gathering to honor somebody or something by raising glasses and drinking 3 **RAISING OF GLASSES TO HONOR** an act of raising a glass and drinking in honor of somebody or something 4 **SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING HONORED** somebody or something honored by a toast 5 **ADMIRER** PERSON a person who is the object of much attention or admiration *the toast of Hollywood* ■ *v* 1 *vt* **HEAT AND BROWN FOOD** to heat and brown bread or other food, or

to become browned, on a grill, over an open fire, or in a toaster 2 *vt* **WARM BODY** to warm the body or a part of the body near a source of heat 3 *vi* **DRINK IN SOMEBODY'S HONOR** to drink or propose a drink in honor of somebody or something [14C. Via Old French *toster* "roast" < Latin *tost-*, past participle of *torere* "scorch."] > **be toast** to be in serious trouble (*slang*) > *Do that again and you're toast!*

toast-er /təʊstər/ *n* a small electrical appliance for making toast that works by exposing the bread to heated electrical coils

toast-er ov-en *n* an electric device that is portable and can work both as a toaster and as a small oven

toast-mas-ter /təʊst mɑːstər/ *n* a proposer of toasts who introduces speakers at a banquet or reception

toast-mis-tress /təʊst mlstrɛs/ *n* a woman who proposes toasts and introduces speakers at a banquet or reception

toast rack *n* a stand that holds slices of toast on end and separate from each other

toast-y /təʊsteɪ/ (-i-er, -i-est) *adj* pleasantly warm

Tob, *abbr* Tobit

to-bac-co /tə bæk-ə/ (*plural -cos or -co*) *n* 1 **DRIED PROCESSED LEAVES** the dried leaves of a plant of the nightshade family, processed primarily for smoking 2 **PLANT WHOSE LEAVES ARE SMOKED** a plant cultivated for tobacco. Native to: tropical America. Genus: *Nicotiana*. 3 **PRODUCT MADE FROM TOBACCO** LEAVES any product made from tobacco leaves, e.g., cigarettes 4 **HABIT OF USING TOBACCO** the habit of using tobacco products 5 **CROP OF TOBACCO** a crop of tobacco referred to collectively [Late 16C. < Spanish *tabaco*.]

to-bac-co bud-worm *n* a destructive rust-colored moth caterpillar that feeds on the leaves and buds of tobacco plants. *Heliothis virescens*.

to-bac-co horn-worm *n* the larva of a large hawk moth that feeds on the leaves of tobacco plants. Native to: North America, Caribbean. *Manduca sexta*.

to-bac-co mo-sa-ic *n* a viral disease that affects tobacco and nightshade and is caused by the tobacco mosaic virus

to-bac-co mo-sa-ic vi-rus *n* a retrovirus that causes mosaic disease in tobacco and other plants belonging to the nightshade family

to-bac-co-nist /tə bækənɪst/ *n* a person or shop that specializes in selling tobacco products and supplies such as cigarettes, tobacco, and pipes [Mid-17C. < TOBACCO + -IST.]

to-bac-co road *n* a shabby poverty-stricken rural community [Mid-20C. < the title of a novel by Erskine CALDWELL.]

to-bac-co worm *n* INSECTS = tobacco hornworm

təbaeə incorrect spelling of tobacco

To-ba-go /tə bə-gə/ island in the Caribbean, part of Trinidad and Tobago. Population: 50,282 (1990). Area: 120 sq. mi./300 sq. km.

To-ba So-jo /tə bə sō-jō/ (1053–1140) Japanese artist and Buddhist high priest

To-bey /tə beɪ/ Mark (1890–1976) US artist

To-bit /tə bɪt/ *n* 1 in the Bible, a pious Israelite living in Nineveh at the end of the 8th century B.C. 2 a book in the Roman Catholic Bible and the Protestant Apocrypha

to-bog-gan /tə bɒɡɡən/ *n* LONG NARROW SLED a long narrow sled without runners, made of strips of wood running lengthwise and curled up at the front, used for coasting downhill on snow ■ *vi* 1 *RIDE A TOBOGGAN* to ride on a toboggan 2 *FALL RAPIDLY* to fall or decline rapidly (*informal*) [Early 19C. Via Canadian French *tabagane* < Mi'kmaq *topagan* "sled."] —**to-bog-gan-er** *n* —**to-bog-gan-ist** *n*

To-bruk /tə brʊk/ city in NE Libya, on the Mediterranean Sea. Population: 94,006 (1984).

to-by jug, **to-by** /tə beɪ/ (*plural -bies*), **To-by** (*plural -bies*) *n* a beer mug or jug in the shape of a stout man wearing a three-cornered hat [Mid-19C. < *Toby* (nickname for Tobias), common 19C name for a man or boy.]

toc-ca-ta /tə kɑːtə/ (*plural -tas*) *n* a composition for a keyboard instrument written in a free style that includes full chords and elaborate runs and is intended to show off the player's technique [Early 18C. < Italian, < feminine past participle of *toccare* "touch" < assumed Vulgar Latin.]

To-char-i-an /tə kɛr-ee ən/, **To-khar-i-an** *n* 1 a member of a Central Asian people who lived in the Tarim Basin in W China before being defeated by the Uigurs during

the 9th century A.D. 2 the extinct language of the Tocharian people that forms a separate branch of the Indo-European family [Early 20C. < Latin *Tochari* < Greek *To-kharoi* "the Tocharians."] —**Tocharian** *adj*

to-coph-er-ol /tə kɒfə rəʊl/ *n* one of a group of fat-soluble compounds that make up vitamin E, present in vegetable oils and leafy greens [Mid-20C. < Greek *tokos* "childbirth" & *pherein* "to bear."]

Tocque-ville /tɒk viːl/, **Alexis de** (1805–59) French historian and political writer

toc-sin /tɒksɪn/ *n* 1 **ALARM** an alarm sounded by means of a bell 2 **BELL** a bell that sounds an alarm 3 **WARNING** any warning signal [Late 16C. Via French < Old Provençal *tocassenh* < *tocar* "to strike" (< assumed Vulgar Latin *toccare*) & *senh* "bell" (< Latin *signum* "signal").]

to-day /tə deɪ/ *n* 1 **THIS DAY** this day, as distinct from yesterday or tomorrow 2 **PRESENT AGE** the present time or age *the fashions of today* ■ *adj* **MODERN** modern or of the present day *a today look* ■ *adv* 1 **ON THIS DAY** on or during this day *She is working today.* 2 **IN PRESENT TIME** during the present time or age *Children today have far more sophisticated toys than we ever had.* [Old English *tō dæge* "(this) day"]

Todd /tɒd/, **Alexander R.**, **Baron Todd of Trumpington** (1907–97) British chemist

tod-dle /tɒddl/ *vi* (-dled, -dling, -dles) 1 **TAKE SHORT UNSTEADY STEPS** to walk with short unsteady steps, as a child does when learning to walk 2 **WALK UNHURRIEDLY** to walk at a leisurely pace (*informal*) ■ *n* 1 **UNSTEADY STEPS** an unsteady, tottering gait 2 **UNHURRIED WALK** a leisurely walk (*informal*) [Late 16C. < ?]

tod-dler /tɒddlər/ *n* 1 a young child who is learning to walk 2 any standard size of clothing for children between the ages of one and three

tod-dy /tɒddeɪ/ (*plural -dies*) *n* 1 a drink made with alcoholic liquor, hot water, sugar, and sometimes spices 2 the sweet sap of a variety of Asian palm tree used as a beverage, either fresh or fermented [Late 18C. Via Hindi *tār* "palm sap" < Sanskrit *tālāḥ* "palm," probably < Dravidian.]

to-do (*plural to-dos*) *n* a fuss, especially an angry complaint or protest (*informal*)

to-dy /tɒddeɪ/ (*plural -dies*) *n* a small bird with a short tail and round wings, a bright green back, red throat, and a long straight beak. Native to: Caribbean. Family: Todidae. [Late 18C. Probably via French *todier* < Latin *todus*, a small bird.]

toe /tə/ *n* 1 **FOOT PART** any one of the digits of the foot, equivalent to the fingers and thumb of the hand 2 **VERTEBRATE'S FOOT PART** a part corresponding to the human toe in other vertebrates 3 **PART OF HOOF** the forepart of an animal's hoof 4 **PART OF SHOE OR SOCK** the part of a shoe, boot, sock, or stocking that covers the toes and the front part of the foot 5 **PART OF GOLF CLUB** the end of the head of a golf club 6 **PART RESEMBLING TOE** a part that resembles the front part of a foot in form or position *the toe of Italy* 7 **LOWER END OF SHAFT** the lower end of a vertical shaft that turns in a bearing 8 **BASE OF EMBANKMENT** the base of an embankment, cliff, wall, or dam ■ *v* (*toed, toed-ing, toes*) 1 *vi* **STAND WITH TOES POINTED** to stand or move with the toes pointed in a particular direction 2 *vt* **TOUCH SOMETHING WITH TOES** to touch, kick, reach, or mark something with the toes or the front part of the foot 3 *vt* **STRIKE GOLF BALL** to strike a golf ball with the front part of the head of the club 4 *vt* **DRIVE NAIL AT ANGLE** to drive in a nail or spike at an angle 5 *vt* **FASTEN SOMETHING WITH ANGLED NAIL** to fasten something with a nail or spike driven in at an angle [Old English *tā*. < Indo-European, "to point."] —**toed** *adj* > **on your toes** alert and ready for action > **step, tread on somebody's toes** to offend or upset somebody by interfering with something considered to be that person's own responsibility > **turn up your toes** to die (*informal*)

toe-a /tə ə/ (*plural -al or -as*) *n* see table at currency [Late 20C. < Motu, "conical shell," used as currency.]

toe and heel *n* a technique used by race drivers for operating the brake and accelerator simultaneously with the right foot, using the heel for one pedal and the toe for the other

toe dance *n* a dance performed on tiptoe ■ *vi* to perform a toe dance —**toe danc-er** *n*

TOEFL /təʊ fl/ *trademark* for a standardized English language test taken by speakers of other languages who are applying to colleges in the United States. Full form **Test of English as a Foreign Language**