

tight**1. [taɪt] *n* амер.**

1. трудное *или* тяжёлое положение
he got in a tight - он попал в трудное положение, ему пришлось нелегко
2. *редк.* свалка вокруг мяча (*регби*)

2. [taɪt] *a*

- 1) туго завязанный, тугой
tight knot - крепко завязанный /тугой/ узел
tight belt - туго затянутый пояс
the trigger of the gun was tight - спуск у ружья был тугой
- 2) крепкий
to take a tight grip on smth. - крепко ухватиться за что-л.
to keep a tight hold on smth. - крепко держаться за что-л., вцепиться во что-л.
be sure that it's tight смотри, чтобы прочно держалось

2. 1) плотный, непроницаемый, компактный; герметический

- tight ship - корабль без течи
tight case - непромокаемый чехол
tight barrel /cask/ - бочонок для жидкости
tight cooper - бондарь, который делает бочонки для жидкости
tight coil - *с.-х.* сухая /уплотнённая/ почва
tight cloth - *редк.* плотная материя
tight defense - *воен.* сплошная оборона
tight formation - *ав.* сомкнутый строй
the roof is tight - крыша не протекает

2) плотно закрытый

- with tight lips - плотно сжав губы

3) плотно пригнанный

- tight cork - плотно пригнанная /сидящая/ пробка
tight drawer - с трудом открывающийся ящик
tight fit - *тех.* неподвижная посадка
the nut is tight - гайка завинчена до упора

3. тесный, обуженный, узкий; облегающий

- tight shoe [coat] - тесный ботинок [-ое пальто]
the shoe is tight - ботинок жмёт
the hat is tight - шляпа мала
too tight - облегающий
it's a tight fit - тесновато (*о платье и т. п.*)
tight at the shoulders - узкий в плечах
my coat is tight across the chest - пальто мне узко в груди
the dress is tight round the waist [under the arms] - платье тесновато в талии [под мышками]

4. туго натянутый, напряжённый

- drum tight - тугой как барабан
tight canvas - туго натянутое полотно

5. 1) плотно забитый, набитый, заполненный

- the straits were tight with ice - проливы были забиты льдом

2) плотный, заполненный, напряжённый

- tight schedule - плотный график
I work to a very tight schedule - в моей работе всё расписано по минутам

6. *сл.* навеселе, под мухой, на взводе

- quite tight - сильно навеселе
as tight as a drum /as a brick/ - мертвецки пьяный
to get tight - надраться, нализаться

7. 1) трудный, тяжёлый

- tight situation - трудная ситуация, тяжёлое положение
he had tight going for a few years - в течение нескольких лет ему приходилось очень трудно

2) трудно добываемый

- money is tight - деньги трудно достать; денег не хватает /мало/
money is a bit tight with me - я несколько стеснён в средствах, у меня нет свободных денег [*ср. тж.* 9]
markets are tight - на рынках ощущается острый недостаток товаров

8. 1) строгий, жёсткий

- tight restrictions - строгие ограничения
tight security - строгие меры безопасности
tight rein - жёсткая дисциплина
to keep a tight hand /rein/ on smb. - держать кого-л. в ежовых рукавицах
to rule with a tight hand - управлять железной рукой
the larger the audience, the tighter the controls - чем больше аудитория, тем строже проверка

2) сжатый, скупой; скованный, (*о языке*)

- his style is a little tight - у него немного сухая манера изложения, слог его несколько суховат

3) скрытный, сдержанный, неразговорчивый

he is a tight talker - он не болтлив \cong он не говорит лишнего

9. **разг.** скупой, скарденный, прижимистый

to be tight with one's money - придерживать /скупко расходовать/ деньги [*ср. тж.* 7, 2]

10. **диал.** опрятный, аккуратный

tight lad - подтянутый юноша

tight little vessel - опрятное судёнышко

11. **диал.** живой; способный, искусный; ловкий

that's a tight fellow! - ловок, ничего не скажешь!

12. **спорт.** почти равный (о шансах)

tight match - состязание равных, состязание с почти равными шансами у участников

◇ tight bargain - **амер.** сделка с небольшими шансами нажиться

tight corner /place, spot, squeeze/ - опасное /рискованное/ или трудное положение

his lies got him in a tight place - он так заврался, что теперь ему будет нелегко выпутаться

up tight - **сл.** возбуждённый, взвинченный; с нервами на взводе

if everything remains tight - если всё будет в порядке

3. [taɪt] **adv**

1. плотно, крепко, туго

to close smth. tight - плотно закрыть что-л.

to tie the rope tight - крепко завязать верёвку

to hold /to keep/ smth. tight - крепко держать что-л.; натягивать что-л.

hold tight! - держись крепче!

to draw smth. tight - затягивать что-л.

to hold tight on with both hands - крепко держаться двумя руками

to shut one's lips tight - плотно сжать губы

to shut one's eyes tight - крепко зажмурить /закрыты/ глаза

to screw a nut up tight - завинтить гайку до упора

to hug smb. tight - крепко обнимать кого-л.

2. плотно, тесно

a coat made to fit tight around the waist - пальто, сшитое в талию

his suit sits tight upon him - костюм ему тесен

he sat tight on a horse - он сидел в седле как влитой

this prospect holds them tight to their work - эта перспектива заставляет их держаться за работу

3. **диал.**, **амер.** крепко, глубоко, основательно

to be tight asleep - крепко спать

◇ to sit tight - крепко держаться за свои права; не уступать, стоять на своём

to keep one's mouth tight shut - держать язык за зубами

blow me tight! - **арх.** ну и ну!, чёрт возьми!

tight

tight [taɪt] **tighter tightest** adjective, adverb **BrE** [taɪt] ^u **NAme** [taɪt] ^u
adjective (tight-er, tight-est)

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FIRM

1. held or fixed in position firmly; difficult to move or undo

- He kept **a tight grip** on her arm.
- She twisted her hair into a tight knot.
- The screw was so tight that it wouldn't move.

CLOTHES

2. fitting closely to your body and sometimes uncomfortable

- She was wearing a tight pair of jeans.
- These shoes are much too tight.
- The new sweater was a **tight fit**.

Opp: ↑loose

see also ↑skintight

CONTROL

3. very strict and firm

- to **keep tight control** over sth
- We need tighter security at the airport.

STRETCHED

4. stretched or pulled so that it cannot stretch much further

- The rope was stretched tight.

CLOSE TOGETHER

5. usually before noun with things or people packed closely together, leaving little space between them

- There was a tight group of people around the speaker.
- With six of us in the car it was **a tight squeeze**.

MONEY/TIME

6. difficult to manage with because there is not enough
- We have a very tight budget.
 - The president has a tight schedule today.
 - The deadline for finishing the project is too tight (= too soon) .

EXPRESSION/VOICE

7. looking or sounding anxious, upset, angry, etc
- 'I'm sorry,' she said, with a tight smile.
- see also ↑**uptight**

PART OF BODY

8. feeling painful or uncomfortable because of illness or emotion
- Syn: ↑**constricted**
- He complained of having a tight chest.
 - Her throat felt tight, just looking at her baby.

RELATIONSHIP

9. having a close relationship with sb else or with other people
- It was a tight community and newcomers were not welcome.
- see also ↑**tight-knit**

BEND/CURVE

10. curving suddenly rather than gradually
- The driver slowed down at a tight bend in the road.
 - The plane flew around in a tight circle.

CONTEST/RACE

11. with runners, teams, etc. that seem to be equally good
- Syn: ↑**close**
- a tight race

NOT GENEROUS

12. (informal, disapproving) not wanting to spend much money; not generous
- Syn: ↑**mean**
- He's very tight with his money.

DRUNK

13. not usually before noun (old-fashioned, informal) drunk
- Syn: ↑**tipsy**

-TIGHT

14. (in compounds) not allowing the substance mentioned to enter
- measures to make your home weathertight
- see also ↑**airtight**, ↑**watertight**

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'healthy, vigorous', later 'firm, solid'): probably an alteration of thigh 'firm, solid', later 'close-packed, dense', of Germanic origin; related to German **dicht** 'dense, close'.

Example Bank:

- Every muscle in her face was drawn tight.
- I think we'd better leave— time's getting very tight.
- Keep the rope tight.
- Security at the airport remains tight.
- The cloth was stretched tight over the frame.
- The rope suddenly went tight.
- Those jeans are getting too tight for me.
- She managed to reverse into a tight parking space.
- The screw was so tight that it wouldn't move.
- With six of us in the car it was a tight squeeze.
- Are the controls tight enough?
- Those jeans have got too tight and I can't wear them any more.

Idioms: ↑**keep a tight rein on somebody** ▪ ↑**run a tight ship** ▪ ↑**tight spot**

Derived Word ↑**tightness**

adverb (**tight-er**, **tight-est**)

closely and firmly; tightly

- **Hold tight!**
- My suitcase was packed tight.
- His fists were clenched tight.

see sit tight at ↑sit, sleep tight at ↑sleep v.

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Which Word?:

tight / tightly

Tight and tightly are both adverbs that come from the adjective tight. They have the same meaning, but tight is often used instead of tightly after a verb, especially in informal language, and in compounds: ▪ packed tight ◊ a tight-fitting lid. Before a past participle tightly is used: ▪ clusters of tightly packed flowers.

Example Bank:

- He held his children tight.
- Shut your eyes tight.
- His jaw was clenched tight.
- You didn't tie it tight enough.

tight

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I. **tight**¹ **S2 W3** /taɪt/ **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ² *adjective* (comparative **tighter**, superlative **tightest**)

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑tight, ↑tightly; **verb** ↑tighten; **noun**: ↑tightness; **adjective**: ↑tight]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: thight 'closely packed, solid, thick' (14-19 centuries), probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. **CLOTHES tight** clothes fit your body very closely, especially in a way that is uncomfortable **OPP loose**:

- tight jeans
- My shoes were so tight that I could hardly walk.
- The jacket is rather a tight fit (=it fits too tightly).

2. **PULLED/STRETCHED FIRMLY** string, wire, cloth etc that is tight has been pulled or stretched firmly so that it is straight or cannot move:

- The bandage must be tight enough to stop the bleeding.
- She tied the rope around the post and pulled it tight.

3. **ATTACHED FIRMLY** a screw, lid etc that is tight is firmly attached and difficult to move:

- Check that the screws are tight.

4. **HOLDING SOMETHING FIRMLY a tight hold/grip** if you keep or have a tight hold on something, you hold it firmly:

- His mother kept a tight hold on his hand.

5. **STRICT** controlling something very strictly or firmly:

- The government is keeping tight control on immigration.

keep a tight grip/hold/rein on something (=control it very firmly)

- The former dictator still keeps a tight grip on power.
- Anna was determined to keep a tight hold on her feelings.
- Security is always tight for the opening day of parliament.

run/keep a tight ship (=manage a company, organization etc strictly and effectively)

6. **LITTLE MONEY** if money is tight, you do not have enough of it

money is tight/things are tight

- Money was tight and he needed a job badly.
- As you know, I run the magazine on a pretty tight budget.

7. **LITTLE TIME** if time is tight, it is difficult for you to do everything you need to do in the time available:

- Time is tight, and she has another meeting to go to this afternoon.
- We should arrive on time, but it'll be tight.
- As usual, his schedule on Saturday was tight (=he had arranged to do several things in a short time).
- I'm working to a very tight deadline (=I have to finish a piece of work very quickly).

8. **LITTLE SPACE** if space is tight, there is only just enough space to fit something into a place

be a tight squeeze/fit

- Six in the car will be a tight squeeze.

9. **NOT GENEROUS informal** not generous, or trying hard to avoid spending money:

- Don't be so tight!

10. **CLOSE TOGETHER** placed or standing closely together:

- The animal's body was curled up in a tight little ball.
- She wore her hair in a tight bun.

11. **CLOSE RELATIONSHIP** a tight group of people, countries etc have a close relationship with each other **SYN tight-knit**:

- Together, the young film-makers formed a tight group.
- the tight bonds that had grown between them

12. **BEND/TURN** a tight bend or turn is very curved and turns quickly in another direction:

- Danny lost control on a tight bend, and the car ran off the road.

13. **CHEST/STOMACH/THROAT** if your chest, stomach, or throat feels tight, it feels painful and uncomfortable, because you are ill

or worried:

Before she went on stage her chest felt tight and her throat hurt.

14. EXPRESSION/SMILE/VOICE a tight expression, smile, or voice shows that you are annoyed or worried **SYN tight-lipped**:

'Look, I'm sorry ...,' she said, forcing a tight smile.

15. DIFFICULT SITUATION in a tight corner/spot *informal* in a difficult situation:

He's a good man to have around if ever you're in a tight corner.

'Did something go wrong?' 'Let's just say I got into a bit of a tight spot.'

16. PLAY/PERFORMANCE playing a piece of music or giving a performance very exactly and well, without any pauses or mistakes:

The band gave a really tight performance.

a tight, well-rehearsed production

17. GAME/COMPETITION a tight game, competition etc is one in which the teams, players etc play equally well, and it is not easy to win:

The opening quarter of the game was very tight.

18. DRUNK [not before noun] *old-fashioned informal* drunk

—**tightly** *adverb*:

Marie held the baby tightly in her arms.

—**tightness** *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ ↑**airtight**, ↑**watertight**

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THESAURUS

■ rule/law/system

- **strict** a strict order or rule is one that must be obeyed: There are strict rules about keeping tax records. | He had strict instructions to return the key to me.
- **tight** tight controls or limits are very strict about what is allowed and what is not allowed: The report recommends tighter controls on the advertising of alcohol. | There are tight regulations governing waste disposal.
- **tough** tough laws or rules are very strict: They want tougher laws against drinking and driving. | The federal government is introducing tough new rules on immigration.
- **harsh** harsh punishments or laws are very severe, often too severe: There are harsh penalties for drug trafficking. | The government has brought in harsh measures to combat the rioting taking place in many cities.
- **stringent** controlling what people can do with rules that have very high standards: There are now stringent controls on pollution from all power stations. | stringent new food safety regulations

II. **tight**² *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

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very firmly or closely **SYN tightly**:

Hold tight to the handrail!

I kept my eyes tight shut.

⇒ **sit tight** at ↑**sit**(8), ⇒ **sleep tight** at ↑**sleep**¹(4)

tight

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