

**tenuous**[ˈtɛnjuəs] *a*

1. тонкий

tenuous thread [film] - тонкая нить [плёнка]

tenuous web - тонкая паутина

2. 1) бедный, скудный; незначительный, неважный, несущественный

tenuous plot - незамысловатый сюжет

tenuous claim - пустяковое требование

his poetry is tenuous in thought and feeling - в его поэзии мало мысли и мало чувства

2) смутный, неясный, призрачный

tenuous imaginings - смутные /призрачные/ грёзы

3. 1) слабый

tenuous budding of sociology - *образн.* робкие ростки /первые побеги/ социологии

2) разрежённый (о воздухе, газе, плазме)

tenuous evening mist - лёгкая дымка вечернего тумана

tenuous star - разрежённая звезда

3) разбавленный (о жидкости)

4. шаткий, слабый (о доводе)

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**ten·u·ous** *BrE* [ˈtɛnjuəs] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈtɛnjuəs] <sup>m</sup> *adjective*

1. so weak or uncertain that it hardly exists

• a tenuous hold on life

• His links with the organization turned out to be, at best, tenuous.

2. extremely thin and easily broken

• the tenuous threads of a spider's web

Derived Word ↑**tenuously**Word Origin:[**tenuous tenuously**] late 16th cent.: formed irregularly from Latin **tenuis** 'thin' + ↑-ous.**tenuous**

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: tenuis 'thin, tenuous']

1. a situation or relationship that is tenuous is uncertain, weak, or likely to change:

" For now, the band's travel plans are tenuous.

**tenuous link/connection etc**

" The United Peace Alliance had only a tenuous connection with the organized Labour movement.

" The link between her family and the King's is rather tenuous.

2. *literary* very thin and easily broken—**tenuously** *adverb***tenuous**

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