

tangent

1. [ˈtændʒ(ə)nt] *n*

- 1. *мат.* касательная
to draw a tangent to a curve - провести касательную к кривой
- 2. 1) *мат.* тангенс
arc tangent - арктангенс
tangent of an angle [of an arc] - тангенс угла [дуги]
- 2) *гол.* наклон
tangent of the angle of slope - наклон местности
- 3. *амер. разг.* прямой участок железнодорожного пути; прямая
- 4. *сокр. от* tangent scale
◇ to go /to fly/ off at a tangent - сорваться, странно себя повести *или* высказаться

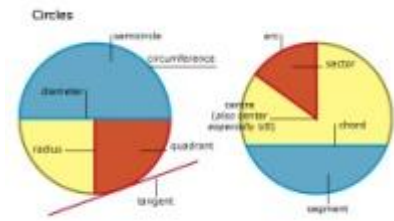
2. [ˈtændʒ(ə)nt] *a*

- 1. *мат.* касательный
a line tangent to a curve - линия, касательная к кривой
- 2. соприкасающийся, смежный

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tan·gent [ˈtæŋdʒ(ə)nt] *BrE* [ˈtæŋdʒənt] *AmE* [ˈtæŋdʒənt] *noun*



- 1. (*geometry*) a straight line that touches the outside of a curve but does not cross it
- 2. (*abbr. tan*) (*mathematics*) the [↑]ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle in a [↑]right-angled triangle to the length of the side next to it
compare [↑]cosine, [↑]sine
Idiom: [↑]go off at a tangent
See also: [↑]go off on a tangent

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in sense 2 and as an adjective): from Latin **tangent-** ‘touching’, from the verb **tangere**.

Example Bank:

- Laura's mind went off at a tangent.
- The cart track branches off at a tangent.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: present participle of tangere; ⇒ [↑]tangible]

- 1. **go off at a tangent** *British English*, **go off on a tangent** *American English informal* to suddenly start thinking or talking about a subject that is only slightly related, or not related at all, to the original subject:
Let's stay with the topic and not go off at a tangent.
- 2. **technical** a straight line that touches the outside of a curve but does not cut across it

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