



◀ The jury listened to the lawyer describe the crime scene. The courtroom was completely quiet, and the atmosphere was **tense**. In a few hours, these jurors will have to decide whether a person will go to jail or go free.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
<i>tense</i>	noun	a form of a verb used to show the time of an action	from the Latin <i>tempus</i> meaning "a portion of time"	
	adjective	1) stretched tight; 2) nervous, strained, edgy	from the Latin <i>tensus</i> meaning "to stretch, extend"	<i>tension</i> (n); <i>tensely</i> (v)
	verb	to make tight or become nervous, strained, or edgy		

Choose one meaning of this word and draw/insert a picture of it.

Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

tense

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

Write a sentence or question that includes this word.

Figurative Language

To **tense up** means to become rigid or stiff. *The deer tensed up and became completely still when it heard a noise in the forest.*

