

Ancestor ( Root Word):  
**tenax (Latin)**

Which means:  
**holding fast**

Words that are Relatives:

1. **tenaciously (adv)**
2. **tenaciousness (n)**
3. **tenacity (n)**

Definition:  
**persistent, strong-willed, determined, tireless, unyielding**

Words That Are Similar/ Synonyms:

1. **steadfast**
2. **resolute**
3. **staunch \$\$\$ indefatigable**

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Image/Illustration :

**TENACIOUS**  
(adjective)  
[tuh-nay-shuhs]

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**ANTONYMS:**  
surrendering  
weak  
yielding  
wavering  
fickle

Who would say it? Pick two kinds of people who might say the word and write a sentence showing how they might use it. Underline or highlight the word in the sentence. You may conjugate the word.

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The clingy child who had a tenacious grip on his mother's hand was extremely shy.	The basketball commentator Marv Albert, impressed by a player's defensive skill, once uttered the sound bite, "That's some tenacious D!" ("D" is short for "defense.")

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\*\*\*The musicians Jack Black and Kyle Gass borrowed the phrase for the name of their comedy-rock band, Tenacious-D.