te·ca·li \,tākä'lē\ n -s [Sp tecali, fr. Tecali, village in Puebla, Mexico] : ALABASTER 1

tech or techn abbr technical; technically; technician; technology

teched or tetched \'techt\ adj [alter. of touched] : mentally unbalanced : somewhat deranged

techiness var of TETCHINESS

techinnah var of TEHINNAH

tech·ne \'teknē\ n -s [Gk technē — more at TECHNICAL] : ART, SKILL; esp : the principles or methods employed in making something or attaining an objective — compare UNDERSTANDING

tech·ne·ti·um \tek'nēshēəm\ n -s [NL, fr. Gk technētos artificial (fr. technasthai to devise by art, fr. technē art) + NL -ium — more at TECHNICAL] : a crystalline radioactive metallic element that resembles rhenium and manganese chemically and that was obtained as the first synthetic element by bombarding molybdenum with deuterons or neutrons and later as one of the fission products of uranium — symbol Tc; see ELEMENT table

1tech·nic \'teknik, -nēk\ adj [Gk technikos] : TECHNICAL

2technic \", in sense 2 also (')tek'nēk\ n -s 1 : a technical term or detail : TECHNICALITY 2 [trans. of F technique] a : TECHNIQUE 1 ⟨glaring defects both in sonority and recording ~ —Scribner's⟩ — often used in pl. but sing. or pl. in constr. ⟨literary ~s . . . depends on reproducing experiments from life —Contemporary Rev.⟩ b : TECHNIQUE 2a ⟨various ~s have been developed for increasing the consumption of oxygen —Morris Fishbein⟩ 3 technics pl but sing or pl in constr : TECHNOLOGY 2a, 2b(1) ⟨modern ~s is giving man a sense of power —Bertrand Russell⟩

1tech·ni·cal \'teknəkəl, -nēk-\ adj [Gk technikos of art, skillful, practical (fr. technē art, craft, practical skill + -ikos -ic) + E -al; akin to Gk tektōn carpenter, builder, Skt takṣan carpenter, takṣati he forms, constructs, L texere to weave, construct, OHG dehsa hatchet, dahs badger] 1 a : having special usu. practical knowledge esp. of a mechanical or scientific subject ⟨the construction of the thermonuclear weapon was a great challenge to the ~ people of this country —Edward Teller⟩ b : marked by or characteristic of specialization ⟨highly ~ matters hardly suitable for popular lecturing —William James⟩ ⟨~ language⟩ 2 : of or relating to a particular subject ⟨outlined his ~ qualifications for the office of comptroller⟩; esp : of or relating to a practical subject that is organized on modern scientific principles ⟨is a college of liberal arts and sciences and does not undertake to provide a ~ training —Encyc. Americana⟩ ⟨all types of ~ books ranging from radio and electronics to field crops and dairying —Saturday Rev.⟩ ⟨the rapidly changing conditions of a ~ society —Reinhold Niebuhr⟩ 3 a : according to a strict legal interpretation ⟨had no knowledge of the crimes although he was in ~ command of the men who committed them —Time⟩ b : created by the constructions of laws or rules — see TECHNICAL FELONY, TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT 4 : of or relating to technique ⟨the absence of genuine ~ innovation in the majority of the novels of the second war —J.W.Aldridge⟩ ⟨no amount of ~ skill and craftsmanship can take the place of vital interest —John Dewey⟩ 5 : of or relating to the production of chemicals by ordinary commercial processes; esp : produced by ordinary commercial processes often on a large scale ⟨~ sulfuric acid⟩ — compare COMMERCIAL 1e 6 : chiefly resulting from or depending on internal market factors (as price changes and volume) rather than fundamental economic considerations ⟨the late burst of demand . . . yesterday was interpreted by most analysts as confirming their forecasts that the market is due for a ~ rally —C.J.Elia⟩ — tech·ni·cal·ly \-nək(ə)lē, -nēk-, -li\ adv — tech·ni·cal·ness n -ES

2technical \"\ n -s : TECHNIC 1

technical assistance, TA: refers to the part of the program which provides grants for technical studies of school buildings or to the requirement of subsection 002.03 of chapter 6.

technical assistance analyst: see technical analyst.

technical assistance grant: means a grant for a technical assistance study made under the school weatherization TA program.

TA study: see technical assistance study.

technical analysis: see technical assistance study.

technical analyst: means a person who is qualified, by means of education and work experience, to study a building and its energy-using systems and make recommendations on changes necessary to reduce the energy consumption of the building, and to calculate the energy savings and economic advantages which would result from implementing such recommendations. For technical assistance studies performed under a TA grant, the technical analyst shall be a professional engineer or architect registered in this state.

technical assistance study: means an appropriately detailed study and report on the building and its energy-using systems, which identifies all operation and maintenance procedure changes and all energy conservation measures found to be potentially cost effective. The report shall be written in a clear, readable style so as to be useful to school officials as a planning and decisionmaking tool. The study shall be performed by a technical analyst.

technical estoppel n : an estoppel by record or by deed : a common law or legal estoppel

technical felony n : a felony that usu. results in imprisonment for life or for an indeterminate sentence when an offender has been convicted of designated serious offenses for three or some other specified number of times

technical foul n 1 : a foul in basketball caused by one who is not playing 2 a : a player foul in basketball that involves no contact with an opponent b : a player foul that involves unsportsmanlike contact with an opponent when the ball is not in play

tech·ni·cal·ism \-kə,lizəm\ n -s : addiction to technicality

tech·ni·cal·ist \-ləst\ n -s : one addicted to technicality

tech·ni·cal·i·ty \,teknə'kaləd·ē, -lətē, -i\ n -ES 1 : the quality or state of being technical ⟨~ in the presentation would defeat the major purpose —R.E.Coker⟩ 2 : something that is technical: as a : a detail that has meaning only for the specialist ⟨finally caught him in a legal ~ —Dorothy C. Fisher⟩ b : a technical word or phrase

tech·ni·cal·iza·tion \,teknəkələ'zāshən\ n -s [technicalize + -ation] : the action of making technical

tech·ni·cal·ize \'teknəkə,līz\ vt -ED/-ING/-S [1technical + -ize] : to make technical

technical knockout n : a knockout ruled by the referee when a boxer is unable or is declared to be unable (as because of injury) to continue the fight

technical sergeant n : a noncommissioned officer in the air force just below a master sergeant and above a staff sergeant

technical traverse n : a legal traverse preceded by an inducement

tech·ni·cian \tek'nishən\ n -s [1technic + -ician] 1 : a specialist in the technical details of a subject: as a : a technical expert ⟨a scholarly ~ . . . who is of service to the management side of industry but not of it —Alfred Kazin⟩ b : one who has learned the practical technical details and special techniques of an occupation ⟨skilled electrical ~s are needed to keep this equipment in good running condition —Best True Fact Detective⟩ 2 : one who has acquired the technique of an art or other area of specialization ⟨a superb ~ and a musician of integrity —Irving Kolodin⟩ ⟨the ~ had finally become the artist —Newsweek⟩ ⟨an excellent ~ at every level of politics —T.H.White b. 1915⟩

tech·ni·cist \'teknəsəst\ n -s [1technic + -ist] : TECHNICIAN

tech·ni·cize \'teknə,sīz\ vt -ED/-ING/-S [1technic + -ize] : TECHNICALIZE

tech·ni·col·o·gy \,teknə'käləjē\ n -ES [Gk technikos + E -logy] : TECHNOLOGY

technics pl of TECHNIC

tech·ni·cum or tech·ni·kum \'teknəkəm\ n -s [Russ or G; Russ tekhnikum, fr. G technikum, fr. Gk technikon, neut. of technikos technical] : a technical school esp. in the U.S.S.R.

tech·nique \(')tek'nēk\ n -s [F, fr. technique technical, fr. Gk technikos — more at TECHNICAL] 1 : the way in which technical details are treated: as a : the manner in which a creative artist (as a writer or painter) uses the technical elements of his art to express himself ⟨where ~ is deficient, characterization cannot but suffer —E.R.Bentley⟩ b (1) : the manner in which a musician, dancer, or athlete uses basic physical movements in performance ⟨will specialize in ~ and improvisation for teenage and professional dancers —Dance Observer⟩ (2) : the ability of a musician, dancer, or athlete to use basic physical movements effectively ⟨a clarinetist of very limited ~ —John Hammond⟩ c (1) : a body of technical methods; esp : a body of technical methods used in scientific research ⟨every science has its own special ~ a considerable part of which serves chiefly to prevent error —R.W.Murray⟩ (2) : the ability to use such methods effectively 2 a : a technical method of accomplishing a desired aim ⟨the ~ of establishing linguistic families . . . is too difficult to be gone into here —Edward Sapir⟩; esp : a particular technical method ⟨used a ~ involving radioactive carbon to measure photosynthesis —E.F.Thompson⟩ b : METHOD, WAY, MANNER ⟨the usual fishing ~ is to loll around quietly in a small boat —Buick Mag.⟩ ⟨young women whose ~ is faulty are prone to meet failure and disillusionment —C.W.Cunnington⟩

techno- comb form [Gk, fr. technē — more at TECHNICAL] 1 : art : craft ⟨technography⟩ 2 : technical : technological ⟨technocracy⟩ ⟨technoculture⟩ 3 : applied ⟨technopsychology⟩

tech·noc·ra·cy \tek'näkrəsē, -si\ n -ES [techno- + -cracy] 1 : government by technicians; specif : management of society by technical experts 2 often cap : a movement flourishing in the early 1930s and advocating replacement of the capitalist price system as the basis of industrial production and distribution by a system of control by technicians aiming primarily at production to the limit of industrial capacity 3 : TECHNOLOGY 2b ⟨the ~ of destruction has become greater and more terrible —E.L.Beach⟩

tech·no·crat \'teknə,krat\ n -s [techno- + -crat] 1 often cap : an adherent of technocracy 2 : a technical expert; esp : one exercising managerial authority

tech·no·crat·ic \¦teknə¦krad·ik\ adj [techno- + -cratic] : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of technocracy ⟨illusions to which a ~ culture is already too prone —Reinhold Niebuhr⟩ ⟨under a ~ as under a capitalist arrangement, the efficiency of machines as well as of human beings would have economic significance only in terms of production of values —A.L.Harris⟩

tech·nog·ra·phy \tek'nägrəfē\ n -ES [ISV techno- + -graphy] : the description of arts and crafts esp. with reference to their ethnic distribution and historical development

tech·no·log·ic \¦teknə¦läjik\ adj [technology + -ic] : TECHNOLOGICAL ⟨inject an element of ~ unemployment in an industry —Science News Letter⟩

tech·no·log·i·cal \-jəkəl, -jēk-\ adj [technology + -ical] 1 : of, relating to, or characterized by technology ⟨~ advances⟩ ⟨~ reasons⟩ ⟨a ~ civilization⟩ 2 : resulting from improvement in technical processes that increases the productivity of machines and eliminates manual operations or the operations done by older machines ⟨~ unemployment⟩ — tech·no·log·i·cal·ly \-jək(ə)lē, -jēk-, -li\ adv

tech·nol·o·gist \tek'näləjəst\ n -s [technology + -ist] : a specialist in technology

tech·nol·o·gy \-jē, -ji\ n -ES [Gk technologia systematic treatment, fr. techno- + -logia -logy] 1 : the terminology of a particular subject : technical language 2 a : the science of the application of knowledge to practical purposes : applied science ⟨the great American achievement has been . . . less in science itself than in ~ and engineering —Max Lerner⟩ b (1) : the application of scientific knowledge to practical purposes in a particular field ⟨studies are also made of polymeric materials to dental ~ —Report: Nat'l Bureau of Standards⟩ (2) : a technical method of achieving a practical purpose ⟨a ~ for extracting petroleum from shale⟩ 3 : the totality of the means employed by a people to provide itself with the objects of material culture

-tech·ny \,teknē, -ni\ n comb form -ES [F -technie, fr. Gk technē art, craft + F -ie -y — more at TECHNICAL] : technical specialization ⟨hydrotechny⟩ ⟨metallotechny⟩

techy var of TETCHY

tecno- comb form [Gk tekno-, fr. teknon — more at THANE] : child ⟨tecnology⟩ ⟨tecnogenesis⟩

te·co \'tā(,)kō\ n, pl teco or tecos usu cap [Sp cuitlateco cuitlatec] : CUITLATEC

te·coma \tə'kōmə\ n [NL, fr. MexSp tecomasuchil, fr. Nahuatl tecomaxochitl, fr. tecomatl clay pot + xochitl flower] 1 cap : a genus of tropical American shrubs and trees (family Bignoniaceae) having large showy flowers with a 5-toothed calyx, a nearly regular corolla, and four perfect stamens 2 -s : any plant of the genus Tecoma or the related genus Campsis; esp : TRUMPET CREEPER

tecs pl of TEC

tecta pl of TECTUM

tec·tal \'tektəl\ adj [NL tectum + E -al] : of or relating to the tectum

1tec·ti·branch \'tektə,braŋk\ adj [NL Tectibranchia] : of or relating to the Tectibranchia

2tectibranch \"\ n -s : a mollusk of the suborder Tectibranchia

tec·ti·bran·chia \,==ˈbraŋkēə\ n pl, cap [NL, fr. L tectus covered (fr. past part. of tegere to cover) + NL -i- + -branchia — more at THATCH] : a suborder of Opisthobranchia comprising gastropod mollusks (as bubble shells and sea hares) in which the gill is usu. situated on one side of the back and protected by a fold of the mantle — compare PTEROPODA — tec·ti·bran·chi·an \¦==¦braŋkēən\ adj or n — tec·ti·bran·chi·ate \-ēət, -ē,āt\ adj or n

tec·ti·bran·chi·a·ta \,==,braŋkē'ād·ə\ [NL, fr. L tectus + NL -i- + branchi- + -ata] syn of TECTIBRANCHIA

1tec·ti·form \'tektə,fȯrm\ adj [NL tectiformis, fr. L tectum roof + -iformis -iform — more at TECTUM] : shaped like a roof

2tectiform \"\ n -s : a design found (as at Font-de-Gaume, Dordogne, France) in the cave art of paleolithic man assumed to represent a dwelling

tec·to·fu·gal \(')tek¦täfyəgəl\ adj [NL tectum + -o- + E -fugal] : passing out of the tectum

tec·to·gene \'tektə,jēn\ n -s [ISV tecto- (fr. Gk tektainein to frame, build, fr. tektōn carpenter, builder) + -gene — more at TECHNICAL] : a long narrow downward fold of the earth's crust that is postulated as an early phase in the process of the formation of a mountain range or an island arc — tec·to·gen·ic \¦==¦jenik\ adj

tec·to·na \tek'tōnə\ n, cap [NL, perh. fr. Gk tektōn carpenter; fr. its use in carpentry] : a small genus of trees (family Verbenaceae) of India, Malaysia, and the Philippines having entire woolly leaves and paniculate cymes of small white or bluish flowers — see TEAK

tec·ton·ic \(')tek¦tänik\ adj [LL tectonicus, fr. Gk tektonikos of a builder or carpenter, skilled in building, fr. tektōn carpenter, builder + -ikos -ic — more at TECHNICAL] : of or relating to tectonics: as a : ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHITECTONIC b : of or relating to the deformation of the earth's crust, the forces involved in or producing such deformation, and the resulting rock structures and external forms — tec·ton·i·cal·ly \-nək(ə)lē\ adv

tec·ton·ics \tek'täniks\ n pl but usu sing in constr [fr. tectonic; after such pairs as economic: economics] 1 : the science or art of construction (as of a building) both in relation to use and to artistic design : ARCHITECTONICS 2 a : geological structural features as a whole b : a branch of geology concerned with structure esp. with folding and faulting c : DIASTROPHISM

tec·ton·ism \'tektə,nizəm\ n -s [ISV tecton- (fr. tectonic) + -ism] : DIASTROPHISM

tec·ton·ite \-,nīt\ n -s [ISV tecton- + -ite] : a rock that has undergone differential movement of its component parts and in consequence still retains a coherent fabric

tec·tono·physicist \tek¦tä(,)nō, ¦tektə(,)nō +\ n : a specialist in tectonophysics

tec·tono·physics \"+\ n pl but sing in constr [tectonic + -o- + physics] : a branch of geophysics that deals with the forces responsible for movements in and deformation of the earth's crust

tec·tono·sphere \tek'tänə,sfi(ə)r, 'tektənō,-\ n [ISV tectonic + -o- + sphere] : the zone within the earth in which crustal movements originate

tec·to·ri·al \(')tek¦tōrēəl, -tȯr-\ adj [L tectorius (fr. tectus — past part. of tegere to cover — + -orius -ory) + E -al — more at THATCH] : forming a covering : resembling a roof

tectorial membrane n [NL tectorium + E -al] : MEMBRANE OF CORTI

tec·to·ri·din \tek'tōrədən\ n -s [tectorum (specific epithet of Iris tectorum) (fr. L, gen. pl. of tectum roof, house, building) + -idin — more at TECTUM] : a crystalline isoflavone glucoside $C_{22}H_{22}O_{11}$ found esp. in the rhizomes of an Asiatic iris (Iris tectorum)

tectorigenin n -s [tectoridin + -genin] : a crystalline phenolic isoflavone $CH_3OC_{15}H_6O_2(OH)_3$ obtained by hydrolysis of tectoridin

tec·to·ri·um \tek'tōrēəm, -tȯr-\ n, pl tecto·ria \-ēə\ [NL, fr. L, cover, covering, fr. neut. of tectorius of or forming a covering] : MEMBRANE OF CORTI

tec·to·silicate \¦tek(,)tō+\ n [L tectum roof, building + E -o- + silicate — more at TECTUM] : a polymeric silicate in which the silicon-oxygen tetrahedral groups are linked by sharing all of their oxygen atoms with other such groups so as to form a three-dimensional structure or network — compare CYCLOSILICATE

tec·to·sphere \'tektə,sfi(ə)r\ n [Gk tēktos molten (fr. tēkein to melt) + E sphere — more at THAW] : ASTHENOSPHERE

tec·to·spinal \¦tek(,)tō+\ adj [NL tectum + E -o- + spinal] : extending from the tectum of the midbrain to the spinal cord — used esp. of a tract of nerve fibers connecting these parts

tec·to·spon·dy·li \,tektō'spändə,lī\ n pl, cap [NL, prob. fr. L tectum roof + NL -o- + -spondyli] in some classifications : an order or other division of elasmobranch fishes typically having tectospondylic vertebrae and comprising the spiny dogfishes and related forms and the angelfish (genus Squatina) and formerly also the rays and sawfishes — compare BATOIDEI, CYCLOSPONDYLI

tec·to·spon·dyl·ic \¦tektō¦spän¦dilik\ also tec·to·spon·dy·lous \-ndələs\ adj [NL Tectospondyli + E -ic, -ous] : having more than one calcified cylinder surrounding the notochord in each vertebral centrum ⟨~ sharks⟩ — see TECTOSPONDYLI; compare CYCLOSPONDYLIC

tec·tri·cial \(')tek¦trishəl\ adj [NL tectric-, tectrix + E -ial] : of or relating to a tectrix

tec·trix \'tektriks\ n, pl tec·tri·ces \-rə,sēz, tek'trī,sēz\ [NL tectric-, tectrix, fem. of L tector one that covers, fr. tectus (past part. of tegere to cover) + -or] : COVERT 3

tec·tum \'tektəm\ n, pl tec·ta \-tə\ [NL, fr. L, roof, dwelling, building, fr. neut. of tectus, past part. of tegere to cover — more at THATCH] : a bodily structure resembling or serving as a roof; specif : the dorsal part of the midbrain including the corpora quadrigemina — called also tectum me·sen·ceph·a·li \-,mesᵊn'sefə,lī\

ted \'ted\ vt tedded; tedded; tedding; teds [fr. (assumed) ME tedden; akin to OHG zetten to spread, ON tethja to manure, Gk dateisthai to divide, daiesthai to divide, distribute — more at TIDE] : to spread out in order to dry : SCATTER ⟨where are the blithe and jocund to ~ the hay? —John Betjeman⟩

te·da \'tādə\ n, pl teda or tedas usu cap : TIBBU

ted·der \'tedə(r)\ n -s : one that teds; specif : a machine for stirring and spreading hay to hasten drying and curing

ted·dy \'tedē, -di\ n, pl teddies sometimes sing in constr [origin unknown] : CHEMISE 2

teddy bear n, sometimes cap T [fr. Teddy, nickname of Theodore Roosevelt †1919 26th U. S. president; fr. a cartoon depicting the president sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting] : a stuffed toy bear

teddy bear

teddy boy n, usu cap T & often cap B [fr. Teddy, nickname for Edward] : a young British hoodlum who affects Edwardian dress

te de·um \(')tā'dāəm, (')tē'dēəm\ n, pl te deums usu cap T&D [ME, fr. LL te deum laudamus thee, God, we praise, the opening words of the hymn] 1 a : a hymn of thanksgiving and praise to God b : an expression of praise or thanksgiving 2 : a religious service that consists chiefly of a hymn of praise and thanksgiving

tedge \'tej\ n -s [origin unknown] : 2INGATE

tediosity n [tedious + -ity] obs : TEDIOUSNESS

te·di·ous \'tēdēəs also 'tējəs\ adj [ME, fr. LL taediosus, fr. L taedium tedium + -osus -ous] 1 : tiresome because of slowness, continuance, or prolixity ⟨a ~ public ceremony⟩ 2 archaic : SLOW, DILATORY 3 : tiresome because of dullness ⟨rather ~ fellows who substituted fustian for creative thought —V.L.Parrington⟩

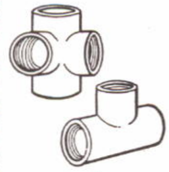
te·di·ous·ly adv : in a tedious manner ⟨lengthily and ~ interrogated —Glenway Wescott⟩

te·di·ous·ness n -ES : the quality or state of being tedious

te·di·ou·some \'tēdēəsəm, 'ted-\ adj [tedious + -some] chiefly Scot : TEDIOUS

te·di·um also tae·di·um \'tēdēəm\ n -s [L taedium irksomeness, disgust, fr. taedēre to disgust, weary] 1 : the quality or state of being tedious : TEDIOUSNESS ⟨incessant recurrence without variety breeds ~ —J.L.Lowes⟩ 2 : a tedious period of time ⟨long ~s of strained anxiety —H.G.Wells⟩

1tee \'tē\ n -s [ME] 1 also te \"\ : the letter t 2 : something that is shaped like a capital T: as a : a short piece of pipe that has a lateral outlet and is used to connect a line of pipe with a pipe at a right angle to the line — see BRANCH illustration b : a short piece of iron fastened at its middle to the end of a chain, passed through a hole, and turned crosswise to secure the chain c : T BAR d : WIND TEE 3 : the mark aimed at in various games (as curling) — see CURLING illustration 4 : a lattice weave in basketry in which upright and horizontal rods are twined together — to a tee adv : PRECISELY, EXACTLY ⟨suits me to a tee⟩



tees 2a

2tee \"\ vt teed; teed; teeing; tees : to connect or secure by means of a tee

3tee \"\ n -s [back-formation fr. earlier teaz (taken as pl.), of unknown origin] 1 a (1) : a small artificial elevation of dirt on which a golf ball is placed before being struck at the beginning of play on a hole (2) : a peg with a concave top used to raise a golf ball before striking it at the beginning of play on a hole b : a device for holding a football in position so that it can be kicked off the ground 2 : the area from which a golf ball is struck at the beginning of play on a hole

4tee \"\ vt teed; teed; teeing; tees 1 : to place (as a ball) on or as if on a tee — often used with up 2 : PREPARE, ARRANGE — usu. used with up ⟨an offensive was being teed up —Fred Majdalany⟩

tee bar var of T BAR

tee beam var of T BEAM

tee bolt var of T BOLT

tee–bulb \'=,=\ adj [1tee + bulb] : BULB-TEE

tee·dle \'tēdᵊl\ vb [prob. imit.] Scot : to sing by humming

teed off adj [prob. fr. past part. of tee off] : ANNOYED, ANGRY ⟨was teed off because the chief had me type his spares inventory —N.T.Kenney⟩

tee–hee var of TEHEE

tee hinge var of T HINGE

tee–hole \'=,=\ n [origin unknown] dial Eng : the entrance to a beehive

teeing ground n [fr. gerund of 4tee] : 3TEE 2

tee iron var of T IRON

tee joint also tee connection n [1tee] : an electrical connection used for joining a branch conductor to a main conductor where the main conductor continues beyond the branch

teel var of TIL

teel oil n : SESAME OIL

1teen \'tēn\ n -s [ME tene, fr. OE tēona injury, anger, grief; akin to OFris tiona injury, OS tiono, ON tjōn, and perh. to