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adj.

1. Edged with toothlike projections; toothed: *dentate leaves*.
2. *Chemistry* Having a binding site. Used of ligands.

[Latin *dentātus*, from *dēns*, *dent-*, tooth; see **dent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

den tate'ly *adv.*



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dentate
dentate leaf

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