

Definitions starting with T

tarty

; **tatty** ; **tarry** [cf. Belize taatish tasting not quite right (Dayley); cf. OED tart sour and -y forming adj. (or possibly -EE), TATTY by vowel shortening and TARRY by rhotacism] adj. 1. (of sour fruit) astringent; causing the mouth to pucker: I ain' like that grapefruit. It too tatty (Nassau).

2. (of the mouth) puckered, as from eating sour fruit: The gooseberry make my mouth all tatty (Nassau).

-v. usually **tarty up** phr. (of sour fruit) to cause (the mouth) to pucker: Dem kinap ain ripe -dey goin' tart up you mout' (Eleu.). = TIE UP

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