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con-fi-dant \ˈkän-fə-,dänt, -dant\ *n* : one to whom secrets are confided
con-fi-dante \-,dänt, -,dant\ *n* : CONFIDANT; *esp* : one who is a woman
con-fide \kän-ˈfid\ *vb* **con-fid-ed**; **con-fid-ing** 1 : to have or show faith : TRUST <~ in a friend> 2 : to tell confidentially <~ a secret> 3 : ENTRUST
¹**con-fi-dence** \ˈkän-fə-dəns\ *n* 1 : TRUST, RELIANCE 2 : SELF-ASSURANCE, BOLDNESS 3 : a state of trust or intimacy 4 : SECRET 2 — **con-fi-dent** \-dənt\ *adj* — **con-fi-dent-ly** *adv*
²**confidence** *adj* : of or relating to swindling by false promises <a ~ game>
con-fi-den-tial \kän-fə-ˈden-shəl\ *adj* 1 : SECRET, PRIVATE <~ information> 2 : entrusted with confidences <~ clerk> — **con-fi-den-ti-al-i-ty** \-,den-shē-ˈa-lə-tē\ *n* — **con-fi-den-tial-ly** \-ˈden-shə-lē\ *adv*
con-fig-u-ra-tion \kän-,fi-gyə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* : structural arrangement of parts : SHAPE
con-fig-ure \kän-ˈfi-gyə\ *vb* -ured; -ur-ing : to set up for operation *esp.* in a particular way
con-fine \kän-ˈfin\ *vb* **con-fined**; **con-fin-ing** 1 : to hold within a location; *also* : IMPRISON 2 : to keep within limits <will ~ my remarks to one subject> — **con-fine-ment** *n* — **con-fin-er** *n*
con-fines \ˈkän-,finz\ *n pl* : BOUNDS, BORDERS
con-firm \kän-ˈfərm\ *vb* 1 : to give approval to : RATIFY 2 : to make firm or firmer 3 : to administer the rite of confirmation to 4 : VERIFY, CORROBORATE — **con-fir-ma-to-ry** \-ˈfər-mə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*
con-fir-ma-tion \kän-fər-ˈmā-shən\ *n* 1 : a religious ceremony admitting a person to full membership in a church or synagogue 2 : an act of ratifying or corroborating; *also* : PROOF
con-fis-cate \ˈkän-fə-,skāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing [L *confiscare*, fr. *com-* with + *fiscus* treasury] : to take possession of by or as if by public authority — **con-fis-ca-tion** \kän-fə-ˈskā-shən\ *n* — **con-fis-ca-to-ry** \kän-ˈfis-kə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*
con-fit \kän-ˈfē\ *n* : a garnish of fruit or vegetables cooked in a seasoned liquid
con-fla-gra-tion \kän-flə-ˈgrā-shən\ *n* : FIRE; *esp* : a large disastrous fire
¹**con-flict** \ˈkän-,flikt\ *n* 1 : WAR 2 : a clash between hostile or opposing elements, ideas, or forces
²**con-flict** \kän-ˈflikt\ *vb* : to show opposition or irreconcilability : CLASH
con-flu-ence \ˈkän-,flü-əns, kän-ˈflü-\ *n* 1 : a coming together at one point 2 : the meeting or place of meeting of two or more streams — **con-flu-ent** \-ənt\ *adj*
con-flux \ˈkän-,fləks\ *n* : CONFLUENCE
con-form \kän-ˈförm\ *vb* 1 : to be similar or identical; *also* : AGREE 2 : to obey customs or standards; *also* : COMPLY — **con-form-able** *adj* — **con-form-ist** \-ˈförm-ist\ *adj*
con-for-mance \kän-ˈförm-əns\ *n* : CONFORMITY
con-for-ma-tion \kän-för-ˈmā-shən\ *n* : a forming into a whole by arranging parts

con-for-mi-ty \kän-ˈförm-ə-tē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : HARMONY, AGREEMENT 2 : COMPLIANCE, OBEDIENCE
con-found \kän-ˈfaund, kän-\ *vb* 1 : to throw into disorder or confusion 2 : CONFUSE 2 ♦ **Synonyms** BEWILDER, PUZZLE, PERPLEX, BEFOG
con-fra-ter-ni-ty \kän-frə-ˈtər-nə-tē\ *n* : a society devoted *esp.* to a religious or charitable cause
con-frere \ˈkän-,frer, ˈkōn-\ *n* : COLLEAGUE, COMRADE
con-front \kän-ˈfrənt\ *vb* 1 : to face *esp.* in challenge : OPPOSE; *also* : to deal unflinchingly with <~ed the issue> 2 : to cause to face or meet — **con-fron-tation** \kän-frən-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **con-fron-ta-tion-al** \-shə-nəl\ *adj*
Con-fu-cian \kän-ˈfyü-shən\ *adj* : of or relating to the Chinese philosopher Confucius or his teachings — **Con-fu-cian-ism** \-shə-ni-zəm\ *n*
con-fuse \kän-ˈfyüz\ *vb* **con-fused**; **con-fus-ing** 1 : to make mentally unclear or uncertain; *also* : to disturb the composure of 2 : to mix up : JUMBLE ♦ **Synonyms** MUDDLE, BEFUDDLE, ADDLE, FLUSTER — **con-fus-ed-ly** \-ˈfyü-zəd-lē\ *adv* — **con-fus-ing-ly** \-ˈfyü-zīŋ-lē\ *adv*
con-fu-sion \-ˈfyü-zhən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of confusing 2 : the quality or state of being confused
con-fute \kän-ˈfyüt\ *vb* **con-fut-ed**; **con-fut-ing** : to overwhelm by argument : REFUTE — **con-fu-ta-tion** \kän-fyü-ˈtā-shən\ *n*
cong *abbr* congress; congressional
con-ga \ˈkän-gə\ *n* : a Cuban dance of African origin performed by a group usu. in single file
con-geal \kän-ˈjēl\ *vb* 1 : FREEZE 2 : to make or become hard or thick
con-gee \ˈkän-jē\ *n* : porridge made from rice
con-ge-ner \ˈkän-jə-nər\ *n* : one related to another; *esp* : a plant or animal of the same taxonomic genus as another — **con-ge-ner-ic** \kän-jə-ˈner-ik\ *adj*
con-ge-nial \kän-ˈjē-nyəl\ *adj* 1 : KINDRED, SYMPATHETIC <~ companions> 2 : suited to one's taste or nature : AGREEABLE — **con-ge-ni-al-i-ty** \-jē-nē-ˈa-lə-tē\ *n* — **con-ge-nial-ly** *adv*
con-gen-i-tal \kän-ˈje-nə-təl\ *adj* : existing at or dating from birth <~ deafness> ♦ **Synonyms** INBORN, INNATE, NATURAL
con-ger eel \ˈkän-gər-\ *n* : a large edible marine eel of the Atlantic
con-ge-ries \ˈkän-jə-(,)rēz\ *n, pl con-geries* : AGGREGATION, COLLECTION
con-gest \kän-ˈjest\ *vb* 1 : to cause excessive fullness of the blood vessels of (as a lung) 2 : to obstruct by overcrowding — **con-ges-tion** \-ˈjes-chən\ *n* — **con-ges-tive** \-ˈjes-tiv\ *adj*
congestive heart failure *n* : heart failure in which the heart is unable to keep enough blood circulating in the tissues or is unable to pump out the blood returned to it by the veins

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