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contact ^{1 of 3} noun

con·tact ('kän-, takt ▶▶)

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1 a : union or junction of surfaces

Cooling begins when the lava makes *contact* with the air.

b : the apparent touching or mutual tangency of the limbs of two celestial bodies or of the disk of one body with the shadow of another during an eclipse, transit, or occultation

c (1) : the junction of two electrical conductors through which a current passes

(2) : a special part made for such a junction

The camera's flash wasn't working because the electrical *contacts* needed to be cleaned.

2 a : **ASSOCIATION, RELATIONSHIP**

students and teachers in daily *contact*

b : **CONNECTION, COMMUNICATION**

I lost *contact* with her years ago.

c : an establishing of communication with someone or an observing or receiving of a significant signal from a person or object
radar *contact* with Mars



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con·tact 'kän-, takt kən-'takt**contacted; contacting; contacts***intransitive verb*

: to make **contact**
 the point at which the two surfaces *contact*

transitive verb

- 1** : to bring into contact
- 2 a** : to enter or be in contact with : **JOIN**
 The spark *contacted* the gunpowder.
- b** : to get in communication with
Contact your local dealer.

Is *contact* a verb?: Usage Guide

The use of *contact* as a verb, especially in sense 2b, is accepted as standard by almost all commentators except those who write college handbooks.

contact 3 of 3 **adjective**con·tact 'kän-, takt

: maintaining, involving, or activated or caused by contact
contact poisons
contact sports
contact dermatitis



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Noun

connection

Verb

address

communicate (with)

get

reach

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Physical **contact** between a mother and child is very important.

a disease that is spread by sexual **contact**

Contacts between the two leaders have been frequent in recent weeks.



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Hosey said the state Division of Family and Children's Services also had previous **contact** with the teen and will investigate whether that has any connection with the shooting.

— CBS News, 5 Sep. 2024

Globally: The International Association for Suicide Prevention and Befrienders Worldwide have **contact** information for crisis centers around the world.

— Kristen Rogers, CNN, 4 Sep. 2024

Verb

If this approach fails, the hacker might **contact** the user, pretending to be from a trusted source, and advise them to follow a link from a specific notification or to approve a particular login attempt.

— Alex Vakulov, *Forbes*, 5 Sep. 2024

Prior to its return, an outside researcher **contacted** the museum about the necklace's suspect provenance record, comparing its similarities to other beads and metallic elements of ancient jewelry excavated from a site in the province of Manisa located in Western Turkey.

— Angelica Villa, *ARTnews.com*, 5 Sep. 2024

Adjective

Industries with traditionally late, or erratic hours, or those that require workers to be on-call, would still be allowed to **contact** workers as long as non-contact hours are clearly stated in worker contracts, or on-call time is compensated.

— Matt Novak / Gizmodo, *Quartz*, 2 Apr. 2024

The most common injuries in football are strains and sprains, which happen in both



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Etymology

Noun

borrowed from French & Latin; French, going back to Middle French, borrowed from Latin *contāctus* "touching, joining of surfaces, association," from *contag-*, variant stem of *contingere* "to be in contact with, arrive at, affect, fall to one's lot" + *-tus*, suffix of action nouns — more at [CONTINGENT entry 1](#)

Verb

derivative of [CONTACT entry 1](#)

Adjective

derivative of [CONTACT entry 1](#)



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Adjective

1859, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *contact* was in 1626

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- contact hitter
- contact inhibition
- contact language
- contact lens
- contact print
- contact trace
- contact tracing
- eye contact
- human contact
- make contact
- make contact with
- on contact

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contact

contact acid

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 1 of 3 nouncon·tact ('kän-, takt )

- 1 : a meeting or touching of surfaces
- 2 : the connection of two electrical conductors through which a current passes or a part made for such a connection
- 3 : a person one knows who has influence especially in the business or political world
our *contacts* in Los Angeles may be able to assist you
- 4 : an establishing of communication especially with someone or something distant
make *contact* by radio
- 5 : **CONTACT LENS**

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 2 of 3 verbcon·tact ('kän-, takt ) kən-'takt

- 1 : to bring or come into contact
- 2 : to get in touch or communication with
contact your local dealer for details

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Etymology

Noun

from French *contact* or Latin *contactus*, both meaning "a touching of body surfaces," from Latin *contingere* "to have contact with, affect, happen," from *con-*, *com-* "with, together" and *tangere* "to touch" — related to [CONTAGIOUS](#), [CONTINGENT](#), [TANGENT](#), [TANGIBLE](#)

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 1 of 2 nouncon·tact (ˈkän-, takt )

- 1** : union or junction of body surfaces
sexual *contact*

2 : the junction of two electrical conductors through which an electric current flows



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adjective

: caused or transmitted by direct or indirect contact (as with an allergen or a [contagious](#) disease)

a *contact* allergy

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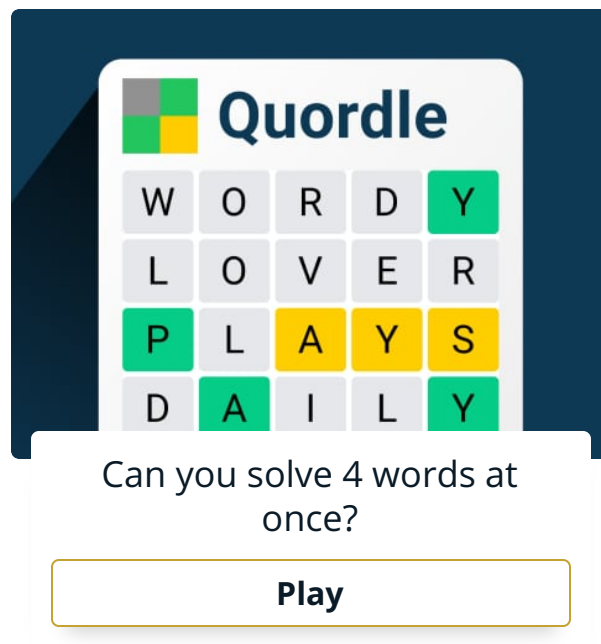
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