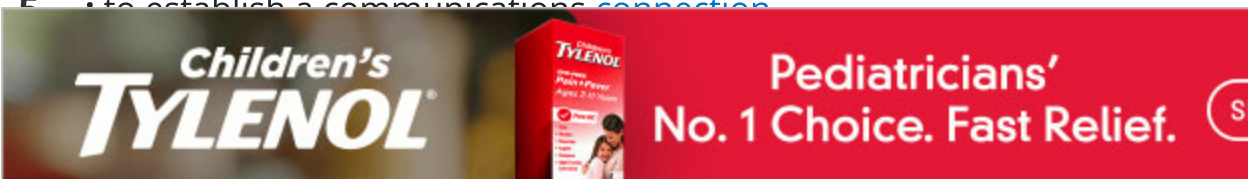


connect verb

con·nect (kə-'nekt )**connected; connecting; connects**[Synonyms of connect >](#)*intransitive verb*

- 1** : to become joined
The two rooms *connect* by a hallway.
ideas that *connect* easily to form a theory
- 2 a** : to meet for the transference of passengers
connecting flights
b : to transfer (as from one airplane to another) as a step in traveling to a final destination
passengers *connecting* with international flights
- 3** : to make a successful hit, shot, or throw
connected for a home run
He *connected* on 60 percent of his shots.
- 4** : to have or establish a rapport
tried to *connect* with the younger generation

5 : to establish a communications [connection](#)

2 : to place or establish in relationship

Police were unable to *connect* her to the crime.

adjective

variants *or less commonly* **connectible** (kə-'nek-tə-bəl 🔊)

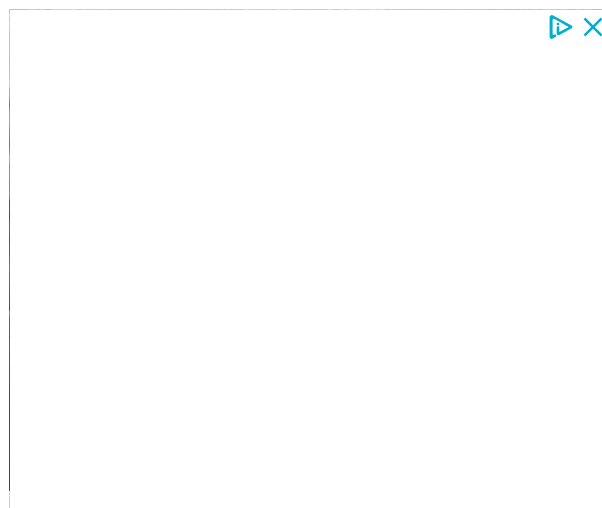
noun

variants *or less commonly* **connector** (kə-'nek-tər 🔊)

Phrases

connect the dots

: to link together logically related elements in order to draw a conclusion
trying to *connect the dots* in the investigation



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interlink

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link

yoke

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Choose the Right Synonym for *connect*

JOIN, COMBINE, UNITE, CONNECT, LINK, ASSOCIATE, RELATE mean to bring or come together into some manner of union.

JOIN implies a bringing into contact or conjunction of any degree of closeness.

joined forces in an effort to win

COMBINE implies some merging or mingling with corresponding loss of identity of each unit.

combined jazz and rock to create a new music

UNITE implies somewhat greater loss of separate identity.

the colonies *united* to form a republic

CONNECT suggests a loose or external attachment with little or no loss of identity.

a mutual defense treaty *connected* the two nations

LINK may imply strong connection or inseparability of elements still retaining

RELATE suggests the existence of a real or presumed logical connection.

related what he observed to what he already knew

Can you **connect** the hose to the sprinkler?

Connect the cable to the battery.

A hallway **connects** the two rooms.

It's the major highway **connecting** the two towns.

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Middle English, from Latin *conectere, connectere*, from *com-* + *nectere* to bind

First Known Use

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con·nect (kə-'nekt ▶▶)

- 1** : to join or link together directly or by something coming between : **UNITE**
towns *connected* by a railroad
the two bones *connect* at the elbow
- 2** : to attach by personal relationship
connected by marriage
- 3** : to bring together in thought
connect the smell of burning leaves with childhood
- 4** : to be related
an event *connected* with our success
- 5** : to establish a means of communication
connect to the Internet

noun

variants also **connector** (-'nek-tər ▶▶)



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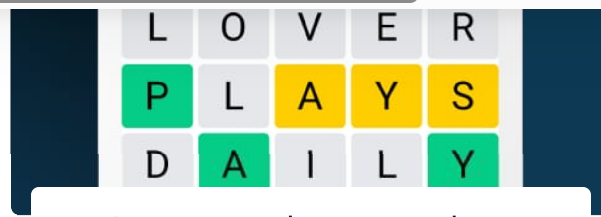
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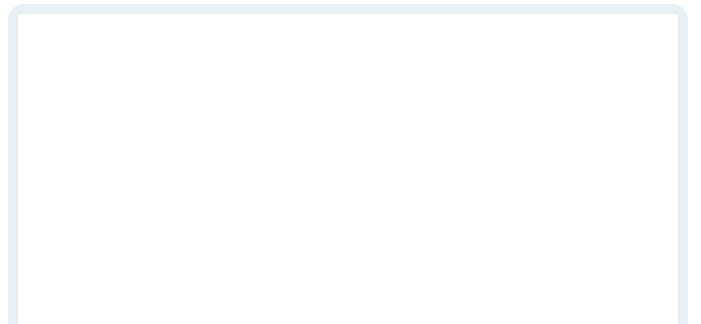
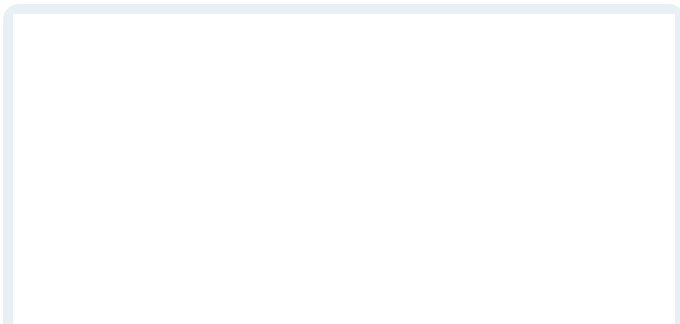
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