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connect verb

con·nect (kə-ˈnekt)

connected; connecting; connects

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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](#)
connect to the Internet

transitive verb

- 1** : to join or fasten together usually by something intervening
A highway *connects* the two towns.
- 2** : to place or establish in relationship
Police were unable to *connect* her to the crime.

connectable adjective

variants or less commonly **connectible** (kə-ˈnek-tə-bəl)

connector noun

variants or less commonly **connector** (kə-ˈnek-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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Synonyms

catenate	chain	compound
concatenate	conjugate	couple
hitch	hook	interconnect
interlink	join	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 identity.

| a name forever *linked* with liberty

ASSOCIATE stresses the mere fact of frequent occurrence or existence together in space or in logical relation.

| opera is popularly *associated* with high society

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

| *related* what he observed to what he already knew

Examples of *connect* in a Sentence

| 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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Word History

Etymology

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

First Known Use

15th century, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *connect* was in the 15th century

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dissect	effect	eject

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Kids Definition

connect verb

con·nect (kə-ˈnekt)

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

connector noun

variants *also* **connector** (-ˈnek-tər)

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