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con-cur-rent \kən-ˈkʊr-ənt, -ˈkɔ-rənt/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF & L; MF, fr. L *concurrent-, concurrents*, ptp. of *concurrere*] 1 a : CONVERGING b : running parallel 2 : operating at the same time 3 : acting in conjunction 4 : exercised over the same matter or area by two different authorities — **con-cur-rent-ly** *adv*

concurrent resolution *n* : a resolution passed by a legislative body that lacks the force of law

con-cuss \kən-ˈkʊs/ *vt* [L *concussus*, pp.] : to affect with concussion

con-cus-sion \kən-ˈkʊʃ-ən/ *n* [MF or L; MF, fr. L *concussio-, concussio*, fr. *concussus*, pp. of *concussere* to shake violently, fr. *com- + quaterre* to shake] 1 : SHAKING, AGITATION 2 a : a smart or hard blow or collision b : a stunning, damaging, or shattering effect from such a blow; *esp* : a jarring injury of the brain resulting in disturbance of cerebral function — **con-cus-sive** \kən-ˈkʊs-ɪv/ *adj*

con-demn \kən-ˈdem/ *vt* [ME *condemnen*, fr. OF *condemner*, fr. L *condemnare*, fr. *com- + damnare* to condemn — more at DAMN] 1 : to declare to be wrong; CENSURE 2 a : to pronounce guilty; CONVICT b : SENTENCE, DOOM 3 : to adjudge unfit for use or consumption 4 : to declare convertible to public use under the right of eminent domain *syn see* CRITICIZE — **con-dem-nable** \-ˈdem-(n)ə-bəl/ *adj* — **con-demn-er** or **con-demn-or** \-ˈdem-ər/ *n*

con-dem-na-tion \kən-ˈdem-nā-shən, -ˈdem- / *n* 1 : CENSURE, BLAME 2 : the act of judicially condemning 3 : the state of being condemned 4 : a reason for condemning — **con-dem-na-to-ry** \kən-ˈdem-nə-tōr-ē, -tōr-/ *adj*

con-dens-able *also* **con-dens-ible** \kən-ˈden(t)-sə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being condensed

con-den-sate \kən-ˈden-sāt, -ˈden-; kən-ˈden-/ *n* : a product of condensation

con-den-sa-tion \kən-ˈden-sā-shən, -ˈden-/ *n* 1 : the act or process of condensing; as a : a chemical reaction involving union between atoms in the same or different molecules often with elimination of a simple molecule to form a new more complex compound of often greater molecular weight b : a reduction to a denser form (as from steam to water) c : compression of a written or spoken word into more concise form 2 : the quality or state of being condensed 3 : a product of condensing; *specif* : an abridgment of a literary work — **con-den-sa-tion-al** \-ʃən-əl, -ʃən-əl/ *adj*

con-dense \kən-ˈden(t)s/ *vb* [ME *condensere*, fr. MF *condenser*, fr. L *condensare*, fr. *com- + densare* to make dense, fr. *densus* dense] *vt* : to make denser or more compact; *esp* : to subject to condensation ~ *vi* : to undergo condensation *syn see* CONTRACT

con-densed *adj* : reduced to a more compact form; *specif* : having a face that is narrower than that of a typeface not so characterized

condensed milk *n* : evaporated milk with sugar added

con-dens-er \kən-ˈden(t)-sər/ *n* 1 : one that condenses; as a : a lens or mirror used to concentrate light upon an object b : an apparatus in which gas or vapor is condensed 2 : CAPACITOR

con-de-scend \kən-ˈdi-ˈsend/ *vi* [ME *condescenden*, fr. MF *condescendere*, fr. LL *condescendere*, fr. L *com- + descendere* to descend] 1 a : to descend to a less formal or dignified level; STOOP b : to waive the privileges of rank 2 : to assume an air of superiority *syn see* STOOP

con-de-scen-dence \-ˈsen-dən(t)s/ *n* : CONDESCENSION

con-de-scend-ing *adj* : showing or characterized by condescension

PATRONIZING — con-de-scend-ing-ly \-ˈsen-dɪŋ-lē/ *adv*

con-de-scen-sion \kən-ˈdi-ˈsen-ʃən/ *n* [LL *condescension-, condescensio*, fr. *condescensio*, pp. of *condescendere*] 1 : voluntary descent from one's rank or dignity in relations with an inferior 2 : a patronizing attitude

con-dign \kən-ˈdɪn, ˈkæn-/ *adj* [ME *condigne*, fr. MF, fr. L *condignus* very worthy, fr. *com- + dignus* worthy — more at DECENT] : DESERVED, APPROPRIATE (~ punishment) — **con-dign-ly** *adv*

con-di-ment \kən-ˈdi-mənt/ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *condimentum*, fr. *condire* to pickle, fr. *condere* to build, store up, fr. *com- + dēre* to put — more at DO] : something used to enhance the flavor of food; *esp* : a pungent seasoning

con-di-tion \kən-ˈdɪʃ-ən/ *n* [ME *condicion*, fr. MF, fr. L *condicio-, condicio* terms of agreement, condition, fr. *condicere* to agree, fr. *com- + dicere* to say, determine — more at DICTION] 1 a : a premise upon which the fulfillment of an agreement depends : STIPULATION b *obs* : COVENANT c : a provision making the effect of a legal instrument contingent upon the appearance or occurrence of something else 2 : something essential to an environmental requirement b : the subordinate clause of a conditional sentence 3 a : a restricting or modifying factor : QUALIFICATION b : an unsatisfactory academic grade that may be raised by doing additional work 4 a : a state of being b : social status : RANK c : a state of health d : a state of physical fitness or readiness for use *e pl* : attendant circumstances 5 a *obs* : temper of mind b *obs* : TRAIT *c pl, archaic* : MANNERS, WAYS *syn see* STATE

condition *vb* **con-di-tion-ing** \-ˈdɪʃ-(ə-)nɪŋ/ *vi, archaic* : to make stipulations ~ *vt* 1 : to agree by stipulating 2 : to make conditional 3 a : to put into a proper state for work or use b : AIR-CONDITION 4 : to give a grade of condition to 5 a : to adapt, modify, or mold to conform to an environing culture b : to modify so that an act or response previously associated with one stimulus becomes associated with another — **con-di-tion-er** \-ˈdɪʃ-(ə-)nər/ *n*

con-di-tion-al \kən-ˈdɪʃ-ən-əl, -ən-əl/ *adj* 1 : subject to, implying, or dependent upon a condition 2 : expressing, containing, or implying a supposition 3 : stating conditions (~ equations) 4 of a reflex : CONDITIONED — **con-di-tion-al-ly** \-ˈdɪʃ-ən-əl-ē/ *adv*

con-di-tioned *adj* 1 : CONDITIONAL 2 : brought or put into a specified state 3 : determined or established by conditioning

con-dole \kən-ˈdɔl-/ *vb* [LL *condolere*, fr. L *com- + dolere* to feel pain; akin to Gk *daidalos* ingeniously formed] *vi* 1 *obs* : GRIEVE 2 : to express sympathetic sorrow ~ *vt, archaic* : LAMENT, GRIEVE

con-do-lence \kən-ˈdɔ-lən(t)s, ˈkæn-də-/ *n* 1 : sympathy with another in sorrow 2 : an expression of sympathy *syn see* PITY

con-do-min-i-um \kən-ˈdɔ-mɪ-ni-əm/ *n* [NL, fr. L *com- + dominium* domain] 1 a : joint dominion; *esp* : joint sovereignty by two or more nations b : a government operating under joint rule 2 : a politically dependent territory under condominium 3 : individual ownership of a unit in a multi-unit building

con-do-na-tion \kən-ˈdɔ-nā-shən, -də-/ *n* : implied pardon of an offense by treating the offender as if it had not been committed

con-done \kən-ˈdɔn/ *vi* [L *condonare* to forgive, fr. *com- + donare* to give — more at DONATE] : to pardon or overlook voluntarily *syn see* EXCUSE — **con-don-er** *n*

con-dor \ˈkæn-dɔr, -ˈdɔ(ə)r/ *n* [Sp *condor*, fr. Quechua *kántur*] : a very large American vulture (*Vultur gryphus*) of the high Andes having the head and neck bare and the plumage dull black with a downy white neck ruff and white patches on the wings

con-dot-tie-ri-er \kən-ˈdɔ-ti-ə-ri-er, -ˈdɔ-ti-er-/ *n, pl con-dot-tie-ri-ers* [It *condottiere*] 1 : a leader of a band of mercenaries common in Europe between the 14th and 16th centuries; *also* : a member of such a band 2 : a mercenary soldier

con-duce \kən-ˈdʊ(y)us/ *vi* [ME *conducen* to conduct, fr. L *conducere* to conduct, conduce, fr. *com- + ducere* to lead — more at TOW] : to lead or tend to a desirable result : CONTRIBUTE

syn CONDUCE, CONTRIBUTE, REDOUND mean to lead to an end. CONDUCE implies having a predictable tendency to further an end; CONTRIBUTE suggests having an effective part in furthering an end; REDOUND implies leading to an unforeseen end or state by a flowing back of consequences

con-du-cive \-ˈdʊ(y)ü-siv/ *adj* : tending to promote or assist : CONTRIBUTIVE — **con-du-cive-ness** *n*

con-duct \kən-ˈdʌkt/ *n* [alter. of ME *conduit*, fr. OF, act of leading, escort, fr. ML *conductus*, fr. L *conductus*, pp. of *conducere*] 1 *obs* : ESCORT, GUIDE 2 : the act, manner, or process of carrying on : MANAGEMENT 3 : a mode or standard of personal behavior *esp* : as based on moral principles

con-duct \kən-ˈdʌkt/ *vi* 1 : GUIDE, ESCORT 2 : LEAD, DIRECT 3 a : to convey in a channel b : to act as a medium for conveying 4 : BEHAVE ~ *vi* 1 of a road or passage : to show the way : LEAD 2 a : to act as leader or director b : to have the quality of transmitting light, heat, sound, or electricity — **con-duct-ibil-i-ty** \kən-ˈdʌk-tə-ˈbil-ə-ti/ *n* — **con-duct-ible** \-ˈdʌk-tə-bəl/ *adj*

MANAGE, CONTROL, DIRECT: CONDUCT implies taking responsibility for the acts and achievements of a group; MANAGE implies direct handling and manipulating or maneuvering toward a desired result; CONTROL implies a regulating or restraining in order to keep within bounds or on a course; DIRECT implies constant guiding and regulating so as to achieve smooth operation *syn see* in addition BEHAVE

con-duc-tance \kən-ˈdʌk-tən(t)s/ *n* 1 : conducting power 2 a : the readiness with which a conductor transmits an electric current b : the reciprocal of electrical resistance

con-duc-tion \kən-ˈdʌk-shən/ *n* 1 : the act of conducting or conveying 2 : transmission through or by means of a conductor; *also* : CONDUCTIVITY 3 : the transmission of excitation through living and *esp* : nervous tissue

con-duc-tive \kən-ˈdʌk-tɪv/ *adj* : having conductivity

con-duc-tiv-i-ty \kən-ˈdʌk-tɪv-ə-ti, kən-/ *n* : the quality or power of conducting or transmitting; as a : the reciprocal of electrical resistivity b : the quality of living matter responsible for the transmission of and progressive reaction to stimuli

con-duc-tor \kən-ˈdʌk-tər/ *n* : one that conducts; as a : GUIDE b : a collector of fares in a public conveyance c : the leader of a musical ensemble d : a substance or body capable of transmitting electricity, heat, or sound — **con-duc-to-ri-al** \kən-ˈdʌk-tōr-ē-əl, kən-, -tōr-/ *adj* — **con-duc-tress** \kən-ˈdʌk-trəs/ *n*

con-du-it \kən-ˈdʊ(y)üt, -ˈdʊ(y)üt, -ˈdʊ(y)üt, -ˈdʊ(y)üt/ *n* [ME, fr. MF, lit., act of leading] 1 : a natural or artificial channel through which water or other fluid is conveyed 2 *archaic* : FOUNTAIN 3 : a pipe, tube, or tile for protecting electric wires or cables

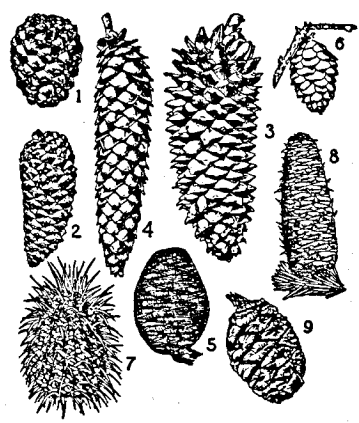
con-du-pli-cate \kən-ˈdʊ(y)ü-pli-kət/ *adj* [L *conduplicatus*, pp. of *conduplicare* to double, fr. *com- + duplic-*, *duplic-* double — more at DUPLICATE] : folded lengthwise — used of leaves or petals in the bud — **con-du-pli-ca-tion** \kən-ˈdʊ(y)ü-pli-ˈkə-shən/ *n*

con-dy-lar \kən-ˈdɪ-lər/ *adj* : of or relating to a condyle

con-dyle \kən-ˈdɪl, -ˈdɪl/ *n* [F & L; F, fr. L *condylus* knuckle, fr. Gk *kondylos*] : an articular prominence on a bone; *esp* : one of a pair like knuckles — **con-dy-loid** \kən-ˈdɪ-loid/ *adj*

con-dy-lo-ma \kən-ˈdɪ-lō-mə/ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *kondylōma*, fr. *kondylos*] : a warty growth on the skin or adjoining mucous membrane usu. near the anus and genital organs — **con-dy-lo-ma-tous** \-ˈlām-ət-əs, -ˈlōm-/ *adj*

cone \kɔn/ *n* [MF or L; MF, fr. L *conus*, fr. Gk *kōnos* — more at HONE] 1 a : a mass of ovule-bearing or pollen-bearing scales or bracts in trees of the pine family or in cypads arranged usu. on a somewhat elongated axis b : any of several flower or fruit clusters suggesting a cone 2 a : a solid generated by rotating a right triangle about one of its legs — called *also* *right circular cone* b : a solid figure whose base is a circle or other closed plane figure and whose sides taper evenly up to a point — *see* VOLUME table c : any surface traced by a moving straight line passing through a fixed vertex



cones 1a: 1 stone pine, 2 cluster pine, 3 big-cone pine, 4 sugar pine, 5 deodar, 6 red spruce, 7 Santa Lucia fir, 8 Nordmann's fir, 9 giant sequoia