

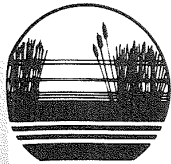
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congresswoman (kɒŋ'grɪs-wʊm'ən) *n.* A woman member of the U.S. Congress, esp. of the House of Representatives.

congruence (kɒŋ'grʊ-əns, kən'grʊ-əns) *n.*, *pl.* **-ences** also **-encies**. **1.** Accord : conformity. **2. Math. a.** The state of being congruent. **b.** A mathematical statement that two quantities are congruent.

congruent (kɒŋ'grʊ-ənt, kən'grʊ-ənt) *adj.* [ME < Lat. *congruens*, *pr. part.* of *congruere*, to agree.] **1.** Corresponding : congruous. **2. Math. a.** Coinciding exactly when superimposed <congruent triangles> **b.** Having a difference divisible by a modulus <congruent numbers> —**congruently** *adv.*

congruity (kən'grʊ-ɪ-ti, kən-) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties**. **1.** The quality or fact of being congruous. **2.** The quality or fact of being congruent. **3.** A point of agreement.

congruous (kɒŋ'grʊ-əs) *adj.* [Lat. *congruus* < *congruere*, to agree.] **1.** Corresponding in character or kind : HARMONIOUS. **2. Math.** Congruent. —**congruously** *adv.* —**congruousness** *n.*

conic (kɒn'ɪk) also **conical** (-ɪ-kəl) *adj.* [NLat. *conicus* < Gk. *konikos* < *konos*, cone.] **1.** Shaped like a cone. **2.** Of or relating to a cone. —*n.* **Math.** A conic section.

conic projection or conical projection *n.* A method of projecting pictures of parts of the earth's spherical surface on a surrounding cone, which is then flattened to a plane surface having concentric circles as parallels of latitude and radiating lines from the apex as meridians.

conic section *n.* One of a group of plane curves, including the circle, ellipse, hyperbola, and parabola, generated by: **a.** An intersection of a right circular cone and a plane. **b.** The plane locus of a point that moves so that the ratio of its distance to a fixed point to its distance from a fixed line is a positive constant. **c.** A graph of the general quadratic equation in two variables.

conidiophore (kə-nɪd'ē-ə-fōr, -fōr) *n.* [CONIDI(UM) + **-PHORE**] A specialized hyphal filament in fungi, bearing conidia. —**conidiophorous** *adj.*

conidium (kə-nɪd'ē-əm) *n.*, *pl.* **-idia** (-ē-ə) [NLat. < Gk. *konis*, dust.] An asexual fungus spore, usu. produced on a specialized sporophore. —**conidial** (-əl) *adj.*

conifer (kɒn'ə-fər, kɒ'nə-) *n.* [< NLat. *Coniferae*, family name < Lat. *conifer*, cone-bearing : *conus*, cone (< Gk. *konos*) + *ferre*, to bear.] A predominantly evergreen cone-bearing tree, as a pine, spruce, hemlock, or fir. —**coniferous** (kɒ-nɪf'ər-əs, kə-) *adj.*

conine (kɒ'nē-ən) also **coninin** (kɒ'nɪn) or **conine** (-nēn) *n.* [G. *Koniin* < Llat. *conium*, *conium*.] A colorless, poisonous liquid alkaloid, C₈H₁₇N, obtained from poison hemlock.

coniosis (kɒ'nē-ə'si-s) *n.* [< Gk. *konias*, dust + **-OSIS**.] A pathological condition caused by dust inhalation.

conium (kɒ'nē-əm) *n.* [Llat. *conium*, hemlock < Gk. *kōneion*.] One of several poisonous plants of the genus *Conium*, including the poison hemlock.

conization (kɒ'nɪ-zə'shən, kɒn'z-) *n.* **Med.** Diagnostic excision of a cone of tissue.

conjectural (kən-jɛk'tʃər-əl) *adj.* **1.** Based on or involving conjecture. **2.** Inclined to conjecture. —**conjecturally** *adv.*

conjecture (kən-jɛk'tʃər) *n.* [ME < Lat. *conjectura* < *conicere*, to infer : *com-*, together + *jacere*, to throw.] **1.** Inference based on incomplete or inconclusive evidence. **2.** A conclusion based on inference. —*v.* **-tured, -turing, -tures.** —*vt.* To infer from incomplete evidence : GUESS. —*vi.* To make a conjecture. —**conjecturable** *adj.* —**conjecturably** *adv.* —**conjecturer** *n.*

conjoin (kən-join') *vt.* & *vi.* **-joined, -joining, -joins.** [ME *conjoine* < OFr. *conjoindre* < Lat. *conjungere* : *com-*, together + *jun-gere*, to join.] To join or become joined together : UNITE. —**conjoiner** *n.*

conjoint (kən-join') *adj.* [ME < OFr., *p. part.* of *conjoindre*, to conjoin.] **1.** Joined together : UNITED. **2.** Of, relating to, having, or done by two or more united persons or things. —**conjointly** *adv.*

conjugal (kɒn'jʊ-gəl, kən-joʊ-) *adj.* [Lat. *conjugalis* < *conjunx*, spouse < *conjungere*, to join in marriage. —see CONJOIN.] Of or relating to marriage or the marital relationship. —**conjugal-ity** (-gəl'ɪ-ti) *n.* —**conjugal-ly** *adv.*

conjugant (kɒn'jʊ-gənt) *n.* [< Lat. *conjugans*, *conjugant-*, *pr. part.* of *conjugare*, to unite. —see CONJUGATE.] Either of a pair of organisms, cells, or gametes undergoing conjugation.

conjugate (kɒn'jʊ-gət) *v.* **-gated, -gating, -gates.** [< ME *conjugat*, joined < Lat. *conjugatus*, *p. part.* of *conjugare*, to join together : *com-*, together + *jugare*, to join < *jugum*, yoke.] —*vt.* **1.** To give the various inflected forms of (a word, esp. a verb). **2.** To join together. —*vi.* **1. Biol.** To undergo conjugation. **2.** To give the various inflected forms of a word, esp. a verb. —*adj.* (-gɪt, -gət). **1.** Joined together, esp. in a pair or pairs : COUPLED. **2. Math. & Physics.** Inversely or oppositely related with respect to one of a group of otherwise identical properties, esp. designating either or both of a pair of complex numbers differing only in the sign of the imaginary term. **3.** Of or relating to words having the same derivation and usu. a

related meaning. —*n.* (-gɪt, -gət). **1.** One of two or more conjugate words. **2. Math. & Physics.** Either of a pair of conjugate quantities. —**conjugately** *adv.* —**conjugative** *adj.* —**conjugator** *n.*

conjugated protein *n.* A compound consisting of a protein and a nonprotein.

conjugation (kɒn'jʊ-gə'shən) *n.* **1.** The act of conjugating or the state of being conjugated. **2. a.** A verb inflection. **b.** A graphic presentation of the complete set of inflected forms of a verb. **c.** A class of verbs with similar inflected forms. **3. a.** Sexual reproduction in which ciliate protozoans of the same species temporarily couple and exchange genetic material. **b.** Chromosome pairing in the first meiotic division. **c.** Fusion of gamete nuclei : KARYOGAMY. **d.** Union of sex cells : SYNGAMY. —**conjugational** *adj.* —**conjugational-ly** *adv.*

conjugation tube *n.* A slender protoplasmic tube in some algae through which gametes may move to unite sexually with other gametes.

conjunct (kən-jʊŋkt', kɒn'jʊŋkt') *adj.* [ME < Lat. *conjunctus*, *p. part.* of *conjungere*, to join together. —see CONJOIN.] **1.** Joined together : UNITED. **2.** Designating adjacent successive tones of the musical scale. —**conjunctly** *adv.*

conjunction (kən-jʊŋkt'shən) *n.* **1.** The act of uniting or the state of being united. **2.** A simultaneous occurrence in space or time : CONCURRENCE. **3.** One of the parts of speech in some languages comprising such words as, in English, *and*, *but*, *because*, and *as*, that connect other words, phrases, clauses, or sentences. **4. Astron.** The position of two celestial bodies on the celestial sphere when they have the same celestial longitude. —**conjunctional** *adj.* —**conjunctionally** *adv.*

conjunctiva (kɒn'jʊŋkt-ɪ'və) *n.*, *pl.* **-vas** or **-vae** (-vè) [ME < Med. Lat. (*membrana*) *conjunctiva*, connective (membrane) < Llat. *conjunctivus*, connective. —see CONJUNCTIVE.] The mucous membrane lining the inner surface of the eyelid and the exposed surface of the eyeball. —**conjunctival** (-vəl) *adj.*

conjunctive (kən-jʊŋkt-ɪv) *adj.* [Llat. *conjunctivus* < Lat. *conjunctus*, *p. part.* of *conjungere*, to join together. —see CONJOIN.] **1.** Connective : joining. **2.** Joined together : COMBINED. **3. a.** Of or used as a conjunction. **b.** Serving to connect elements of meaning and construction in a sentence, as *and* and *moreover*. —*n.* A connective word, esp. a conjunction. —**conjunctively** *adv.*

conjunctivitis (kən-jʊŋkt-ɪ'vɪ-tɪs) *n.* **Pathol.** Inflammation of the conjunctiva.

conjunction (kən-jʊŋkt'ʃən) *n.* **1.** A combination of circumstances. **2.** A critical set of circumstances : CRISIS.

conjur-ation (kɒn'jʊ-rə'shən) *n.* **1. a.** The act of conjuring. **b.** A magic spell : INCANTATION. **2.** Magic : legerdemain. **3.** A solemn appeal : INVOCATION.

conjure (kɒn'jʊr, kən-joʊr) *v.* **-jured, -juring, -jures.** [ME *conjuren* < OFr. *conjurere* < Lat. *conjurare*, to swear together : *com-*, together + *jurare*, to swear.] —*vt.* **1.** To entreat or call on solemnly, esp. by an oath. **2. a.** To summon by oath, incantation, or magic spell. **b.** To cause or effect by or as if by magic. **c.** To call to mind : EVOKE < sights and sounds conjuring up childhood Christmases> —*vi.* **1.** To practice magic, esp. legerdemain. **2.** To summon a devil by oath, incantation, or magic spell. **3.** Obs. To conspire.

conjurer also conjuror (kɒn'jʊr-ər, kɒn'jʊr-ər) *n.* **1.** A magician. **2.** A wizard : sorcerer.

conk¹ (kɒŋk) *n.* [Orig. unknown.] **Slang.** **1.** The head. **2.** The nose. **3.** A blow, esp. on the head. —*v.* **conked, conking, conks.** —*vt.* To hit, esp. on the head. —*vi.* **1.** To fail abruptly <The oven conked out.> **2.** To fall asleep <conked out after dinner> **3.** To pass out : FAINT.

conk² (kɒŋk) *n.* [Perh. alteration of CONCH.] A hard, shelllike fruiting body of a fungus, esp. of the genera *Polyporus* and *Fomes*, found growing on tree trunks.

conk³ (kɒŋk) *n.* [Perh. alteration of *congolene*, a substance for straightening hair.] A hair style in which the hair is straightened, usu. by a chemical process. —*vt.* **conked, conking, conks.** To straighten (hair) usu. by a chemical process.

con man *n.* **Slang.** A confidence man.

conn (kɒn) *v.* & *n.* *var.* of **CON**.

connate (kɒn'æt, kɒ'næt) *adj.* [Llat. *connatus*, *p. part.* of *connasci*, to be born with : Lat. *com-*, with + Lat. *nasci*, to be born.] **1.** Inborn : innate. **2.** Coexisting since or associated in birth or origin : COGNATE. **3. Biol.** Congenitally or firmly united, as like parts or organs. —**connately** *adv.* —**connateness** *n.*

connatural (kə'nætʃərəl, kɒ-) *adj.* [Med. Lat. *connaturalis* : Lat. *com-*, together + Lat. *naturalis*, by birth. —see NATURAL.] **1.** Innate : inborn. **2.** Similar in nature : COGNATE. —**connatural-ity** (-ɪ-ti) *n.* —**connatural-ly** *adv.* —**connaturalness** *n.*

connect (kə-nɛkt') *v.* **-nected, -necting, -nects.** [ME *connecten* < Lat. *connectere* : *com-*, together + *nectere*, to bind.] —*vt.* **1.** To join or fasten together : UNITE. **2.** To associate or relate <reason to connect the two burglaries> **3.** To join to a communications circuit. —*vi.* **1.** To become united or joined <two rivers connecting> **2. Informal.** To hit, throw, or shoot successfully <connected for the winning run> —**connect-ed-ly** (-nɛkt'ɪd-ɪ) *adv.* —**connect-ible, connect-able** *adj.* —**connector, connecter** *n.*

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