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configured; configuring

Definition of *configure*

[transitive verb](#)

: to set up for operation especially in a particular way a fighter plane *configured* for the Malaysian air force

Examples of *configure* in a Sentence

The instructions tell you how to *configure* the kit correctly. The plane is *configured* for military use.
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First Known Use of *configure*

1677, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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Middle English *configuren* (as past participle *configurid*) "to model on, conform to," borrowed from Middle French & Latin; Middle French *configure* "to compare, form," borrowed from Latin *configūrāre* "to mold, shape," from *con-* [con-](#) + *figūrāre* "to shape, form, make a likeness of" — more at [figure entry 2](#)

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