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# confined adjective

con·fined (kən-ˈfīnd )[Synonyms of confined >](#)

**1** : kept within [confines](#): such as  
**a** : limited to a particular location

*confined* to bed

**b** : held captive

*confined* prisoners

**2** : very small

*confined* spaces

a *confined* compartment

**3** **dated** : undergoing childbirth

In Scotland, the Countess of Athole, who was [lying-in](#) at Edinburgh Castle near the similarly *confined* Mary, Queen of Scots, is reported to have cast her own birth pangs onto a waiting-woman in the queen's chamber.

— Michael Olmert



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She gets uncomfortable in *confined* spaces.

*confined* citizens have basic rights under that nation's constitution

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Many changes for him are happening in a *confined*, immediate-impact space of the field.

— Michael Gehlken, *Dallas News*, 3 Aug. 2023

And the seawalls the Army Corps is proposing for the area could serve to make residents feel all the more *confined*.

— Geoff Dembicki, *The New Republic*, 2 Aug. 2023

The native range of the muskellunge, on the other hand, is more *confined*, covering all the northern Midwest states, Great Lakes and their shorelines, Northeastern Canada, and the Ohio River Valley all the way into Tennessee.

— Joe Cermele, *Field & Stream*, 19 July 2023

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## Etymology

from past participle of [CONFINE](#) entry 2

## First Known Use

1605, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

## Time Traveler

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