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concrete

has the legal right to grant it (*Scots law*). [Fr *concoirs*, from L *concurus*, from *con-* and *currere* to run]

concrete /kɒn'krē-āt/ (*archaic*) *vt* to create with; to create at the same time.

concremation /kɒn-kri-mā'shən/ *n* complete burning; cremation; burning together; suttee. [L *concremare*, -ātum, from *con-*, intens, and *cremare* to burn]

conrescence /kən-kres'əns/ (*biol* and *med*) *n* a coalescence or growing together of separate parts or organs. [L *concrēscētia*, from *con-* and *crēscere* to grow]

■ **conresc'ent** *adj*.

concrete /kɒn'krēt/ or /kən-krēt/ *adj* formed into one mass; real, actual, specific, not abstract, able to be experienced; /kɒn'/ made of concrete. ♦ *n* /kɒn'/ a mixture of sand, gravel, etc and cement, used in building; a solid mass formed by parts growing or sticking together. ♦ *vt* /-krēt'/ to form into a solid mass; /kɒn'/ to cover or fix with concrete. ♦ *vi* /-krēt'/ to harden. [L *concrētus*, from *con-* together, and *crēscere*, *crētum* to grow]

■ **concrēte'ly** (or /kɒn'/) *adv*. **concrēte'ness** (or /kɒn'/) *n*.

concrētion /-krē'shən/ *n* a concreted mass; a nodule or lump formed within a rock by materials rearranging themselves about a centre (*geol*); a solid mass formed within an animal or plant body, whether by deposition or by accumulation of foreign matter (*biol* and *med*). **concrēt'ionary** *adj*. **concrēt'ism** *n* regarding or representing abstract things as concrete. **concrēt'ist** *n* and *adj*. **concrēt'ive** *adj* having the power to concrete. **concrētizā'tion** or **-s-** *n*. **concrētize** or **-ise** *vt* to render concrete, realize.

□ **concrete art** *n* non-figurative art using geometrical forms and simple planes. **concrete jungle** *n* (*facetious*) an area of bleakly ugly (*esp* high-rise) buildings. **concrete mixer** *n* a machine with a large revolving drum for mixing concrete. **concrete music** same as **musique concrète**. **concrete poetry** *n* an art form which seeks to introduce a new element into poetry by means of visual effects such as special arrangements of the letters of the poem on the printed page. **concrete steel** *n* reinforced concrete.

concrew /kɒn-kroo'/ (*archaic*) *vi* to grow together. [Fr *concrū*, pap of *concroître*, from L *concrēscere*]

concubine /kɒŋ'kū-bin/ *n* a woman who cohabits with a man without being married; a kept mistress; (in certain polygamous societies) a secondary wife. [Fr, from L *concupina*, from *con-* together, and *cupāre* to lie down]

■ **concubinage** /kɒn-kū-bin-āj/ *n* the state of living together as man and wife without being married; being or having a concubine.

concup'inary *adj*. **concup'itancy** *n* a custom by which marriage between certain persons is obligatory. **concup'itant** *n* a person subject to such an obligation (also *adj*).

concupiscence /kən-kū'pɪs-əns/ *n* a strong desire; sexual appetite, lust. [L *concupiscētia*, from *concupiscere*, from *con-*, intens, and *cupere* to desire]

■ **concup'iscent** *adj*. **concup'iscible** *adj*.

concupy /kɒn(g)'kū-pi/ (*Shakesp*) *n* short form of **concupiscence** (or perhaps of **concubine**).

concur /kən-kūr'/ *vi* (**concurr'ing**; **concurr'ed**) to agree; to assent; to coincide; to meet in one point; to run together. [L *concurrere*, from *con-* and *currere* to run]

■ **concurr'ence** /-kūr'/ *n* agreement; assent; the meeting of lines in one point; coincidence. **concurr'ency** *n*. **concurr'ent** *adj* running, coming, acting or existing together or simultaneously; coinciding; accompanying; meeting in the same point. ♦ *n* a person who or thing that concurs; formerly, a person who accompanied a sheriff's officer as witness (*obs*). **concurr'ently** *adv*. **concurr'ing** *adj* agreeing.

concess /kən-kus'/ *vt* to affect with concussion; to disturb; to shake. [L *concessus*, pap of *concutere*, from *con-* together, and *quatere* to shake]

■ **concession** /-kush'/ *n* the state of being shaken or jarred; (a state of brief or partial unconsciousness resulting from) a violent blow to the head or neck causing a (*usu* temporary) disturbance in brain function; a violent shock caused by the sudden contact of two bodies. **concess'ive** *adj* having the power or quality of concussion.

concylic /kɒn-si'klɪk/ (*geom*) *adj* lying or situated on the circumference of the same circle. [L *con-* together, and Gr *kyklos* wheel]

■ **concy'clically** *adv*.

cond see **con**³.

condemn /kən-dem'/ *vt* to declare (a person, action, etc) to be wrong, immoral, reprehensible, etc; to judge unfavourably or blame; to sentence (to imprisonment or death); to demonstrate the guilt of; to force into or doom to some fate or unhappy condition; to pronounce unfit for use or consumption. [L *condemnāre*, from *con-*, intens, and *damnāre* to hurt]

condemnation /kɒn-dəm-nā'shən/ *n* the state of being condemned; the act of condemning. **condem'natory** *adj* expressing or implying condemnation. **condemned** *adj* pronounced to be wrong, guilty or worthless; belonging or relating to one who is sentenced to punishment by death (eg *condemned cell*); declared dangerous or unfit.

condense /kən-dens'/ *vt* to reduce to smaller extent or volume; to render more dense, intense or concentrated; to subject to condensation (*chem*). ♦ *vi* to become condensed. [L *condēnsāre*, from *con-*, intens, and *dēnsus* dense]

■ **condensabil'ity** *n*. **condens'able** *adj*. **condens'ate** *vt* and *vi* to condense. ♦ *n* /kɒn'dən-sāt/ a product of condensation; a hydrocarbon liquid, a light form of oil. **condensā'tion** /kɒn-/ *n* the act of condensing; water which, having vaporized, returns to its liquid state, eg on a cold window; the union of two or more molecules of the same or different compounds with the elimination of water, alcohol, or other simple substances (*chem*); (loosely) applied to almost any reaction in which a product of higher molecular weight than the original substance is obtained; anything that has been shortened, eg a concise version of a text. **condens'er** *n* an apparatus for reducing vapours to a liquid form; a mirror or lens for focusing light, eg in a microscope; a capacitor. **condens'ery** *n* a condensed-milk factory.

□ **condensation trail** *n* a vapour trail. **condensed milk** *n* milk reduced and thickened by evaporation, with added sugar. **condensed type** *n* printing type of narrow face.

conder see under **con**⁴.

condescend /kɒn-di-send'/ *vi* to act graciously to those one regards as inferior; to deign (to do something) (now *usu facetious*); to stoop to what is unworthy of one; to comply (*obs*); to agree, consent (*obs*). ♦ *vt* to concede or grant (*obs*); to specify (*esp Scots law*). [L *con-*, intens, and *dēscendere* to descend, from *dē* down from, and *scandere* to climb]

■ **condescend'ence** *n* condescension; an articulate statement annexed to a summons, setting down the allegations in fact upon which an action is founded (*Scots law*). **condescend'ing** *adj* gracious; offensively patronizing. **condescend'ingly** *adv*. **condescen'sion** *n*.

※ **condescend upon** to specify; to mention.

condiddle /kən-did'l/ (*Walter Scott*) *vt* to steal. [L *con-*, intens, and *diddle*']

condie see **cundy**.

condign /kən-dīn'/ *adj* (*usu* of punishment) well-deserved, fitting. [L *condignus*, from *con-*, intens, and *dignus* worthy]

■ **condign'ly** *adv*. **condign'ness** *n*.

condiment /kɒn'di-mənt/ *n* a seasoning, *esp* salt or pepper. ♦ *vt* to season. [L *condimentum*, from *condire* to preserve, to pickle]

condisciple /kɒn-di-si'pl/ *n* a fellow disciple; a school-friend, classmate; a fellow student. [L *condiscipulus*, from *con-* together, and *discipulus* (see *disciple*)]

condition /kən-dɪ'shən/ *n* the state in which things exist, eg *the human condition*; a good or fit state; a particular quality of existence, good, bad, etc; rank (as in a *person of condition*; *archaic*); prerequisite, prior requirement; temper (*obs*); a term of a contract; (in *pl*) circumstances; that which must be true for a further statement to be true (*logic*); a clause in a will, etc which requires something to happen or be done before the part of the will to which it relates can take effect (*law*). ♦ *vi* (*rare*) to make or impose terms. ♦ *vt* to restrict, limit; to put into the required state; to prepare or train (a person or animal) for a certain activity or for certain conditions of living; to secure by training (a certain behavioural response to a stimulus which would not normally cause it; *psychol*). [L *conditiō* (wrongly *conditiō*), -ōnis an agreement, from *condicere*, from *con-* together, and *dicere* to say]

■ **condi'tional** *adj* depending on conditions; expressing a condition or conditions. **condi'tional'ity** *n*. **condi'tionally** *adv*. **condi'tionate** *vt* (*obs*) to act as a condition. **condi'tioned** *adj* having a certain condition, state or quality; caused by psychological conditioning; subject to condition. **condi'tioner** *n* a person, substance or apparatus that brings something into a good or required condition. **condi'tioning** *n*.

□ **conditional discharge** *n* a court order whereby an offender is not sentenced for an offence unless he or she commits a further offence within a given period. **conditional probability** *n* (*stats*) the probability of one event occurring given that another has already occurred. **condition code** *n* (*comput*) one of a set of bits indicating the state of a logic or arithmetic operation. **conditioned reflex** or **response** *n* a reflex response to a stimulus which depends upon the former experience of the individual. **conditioning house** *n* an establishment in which the true weight, length, and condition of articles of trade and commerce are determined scientifically.

※ **in** or **out of condition** in good or bad condition; physically fit or