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connect verb

con·nect | \ kə-ˈnekt \

connected; connecting; connects

Definition of *connect*

intransitive verb

- 1 : to become joined
// The two rooms *connect* by a hallway.
// ideas that *connect* easily to form a theory
- 2 **a** : to meet for the transference of passengers
// connecting flights
- b** : to transfer (as from one airplane to another) as a step in traveling to a final destination
// passengers connecting with international flights
- 3 : to make a successful hit, shot, or throw
// connected for a home run
// He connected on 60 percent of his shots.
- 4 : to have or establish a rapport
// tried to connect with the younger generation
- 5 : to establish a communications connection
// connect to the Internet

transitive verb

- 1 : to join or fasten together usually by something intervening
// A highway connects the two towns.
- 2 : to place or establish in relationship
// Police were unable to connect her to the crime.

connect the dots

: to link together logically related elements in order to draw a conclusion
// trying to connect the dots in the investigation



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connectable or *less commonly connectible* \ kə-'nek-tə-bəl \ *adjective*

connector or *less commonly conector* \ kə-'nek-tər \ *noun*

Synonyms & Antonyms for *connect*

Synonyms

catenate, chain, compound, concatenate, conjugate, couple, hitch, hook, interconnect, interlink, join, link, yoke

Antonyms

disconnect, disjoin, disjoint, dissever, disunite, separate, unchain, uncouple, unhitch, unlink, unyoke

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Choose the Right Synonym for *connect*

JOIN, COMBINE, UNITE, CONNECT, LINK, ASSOCIATE, RELATE mean to bring or come together into some manner of union. JOIN implies a bringing into contact or conjunction of any degree of closeness. // *joined forces in an effort to win* // COMBINE implies some merging or mingling with corresponding loss of identity of each unit. // *combined jazz and rock to create a new music* // UNITE implies somewhat greater loss of separate identity. // *the colonies united to form a republic* // CONNECT suggests a loose or external attachment with little or no loss of identity. // *a mutual defense treaty connected the two nations* // LINK may imply strong connection or inseparability of elements still retaining identity. // *a name forever linked with liberty* // ASSOCIATE stresses the mere fact of frequent occurrence or existence together in space or in logical relation. // *opera is nonularlv associated with high societv* // RFI ATF suggests the existence



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// Kick off the weekend by visiting your favorite places and *connecting* with your favorite people.

— Tribune Content Agency, *oregonlive.com*, "Horoscope for Aug. 9, 2019: Aries, really get to know someone; Pisces, hit the reset button," 9 Aug. 2019

// Carr came out firing on the first play, *connecting* with receiver Marcell Ateman for a touchdown pass as safety John Johnson defended.

— *Los Angeles Times*, "Rams and Raiders literally fight it out during practice preceding preseason opener," 8 Aug. 2019

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First Known Use of *connect*

15th century, in the meaning defined at intransitive sense 1

History and Etymology for *connect*

Middle English, from Latin *conectere*, *connectere*, from *com-* + *nectere* to bind

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- connatural
- connect**
- connected
- connected load
- connected surface

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English Language Learners Definition of *connect*

: to join (two or more things) together

: to join with or become joined to something else

: to think of (something or someone) as being related to or involved with another person, thing, event, or idea



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Kids Definition of *connect*

- 1** : to join or link together
// connect two wires
// A hallway connects the two rooms.
- 2** : to have something to do with
// She's not in any way connected to the crime.
- 3** : to bring together in thought
// I connect the smell of barbecued food with summer.

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