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con·fute  (kən-fy t)

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tr.v. **con·fut·ed**, **con·fut·ing**, **con·futes**

1. To prove to be wrong or in error; refute decisively.
2. *Obsolete* To confound.

[Latin *cōnfūtāre*; see **bhau-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

con·fut a·ble *adj.*

con·fu ta·tive (kən-fy t ə-tīv) *adj.*

con·fut er *n.*

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