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con·fed·er·ate  (kən-fěd ə-rīt)

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n.

1. A member of a confederacy; an ally.
2. One who assists in a plot; an accomplice. See Synonyms at [partner](#).
3. **Confederate** A supporter of the Confederate States of America.

adj.

1. United in a confederacy; allied.
2. **Confederate** Of or having to do with the Confederate States of America.

tr. & intr.v. (-ə-rāt') **con·fed·er·at·ed**, **con·fed·er·at·ing**, **con·fed·er·ates**

To form into or become part of a confederacy.

[From Middle English *confederat*, allied, from Late Latin *cōnfoederātus*, past participle of *cōnfoederāre*, to unite : Latin *com-*, *com-* + Latin *foederāre*, to unite (from *foedus*, *foeder-*, league; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

con·fed er·a'tive *adj.*

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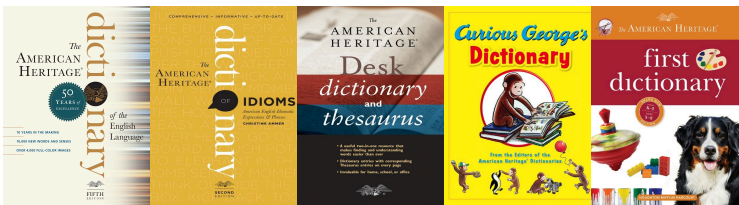
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