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bond  (bɒnd)

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n.

1. Something, such as a fetter, cord, or band, that binds, ties, or fastens things together.
2. often **bonds** Confinement in prison; captivity.
3. A uniting force or relationship; a link: *the familial bond*.
4. A binding agreement; a covenant.
5. A duty, promise, or other obligation by which one is bound.
6.
 - a. A substance or agent that causes two or more objects or parts to cohere.
 - b. The union or cohesion brought about by such a substance or agent.
7. A chemical bond.
8. A systematically overlapping or alternating arrangement of bricks or stones in a wall, designed to increase strength and stability.
9. A written obligation requiring the payment of a sum at a certain time.
10. A debt security obligating a government or corporation to pay a specified amount on a future date, especially a marketable security that makes semiannual interest payments.
11.
 - a. A guarantee issued by a surety agency on behalf of a client, requiring the surety to pay a sum of money to a third party in the event the client fails to fulfill certain obligations; a surety bond.
 - b. A sum pledged as a guarantee.
12. A sum paid as a guarantee of a person's appearance at court for trial; bail: *set bond at \$100,000; released the prisoner on a \$10,000 bond*.
13. The condition of being held under the guarantee of a customs bond: *imported merchandise stored in bond*.
14. An insurance contract that indemnifies an employer for loss resulting from a fraudulent or dishonest act by an employee; a fidelity bond.
15. Bond paper.

v. **bond·ed, bond·ing, bonds**

v. tr.

1. To join securely, as with glue or cement.
 2. To join (two or more individuals) in a relationship, as by shared belief or experience: *An interest in banking reform bonded the two political opponents*.
 3.
 - a. To finance by issuing bonds: *Two projects have already been bonded*.
 - b. To raise by issuing bonds: *The city bonded \$900,000 for the new park*.
 4. To gain the release of (someone who has been arrested) by providing a bail bond: *bonded his cousin out of jail*.
 5. To issue a surety bond or a fidelity bond for.
 6. To lay (bricks or stones) in an overlapping or alternating pattern.
- v. intr.*

1. To cohere with a bond.
2. To form a close personal relationship.
3. To secure release from prison by providing a bail bond: *The accused bonded out of jail*.

[Middle English, variant of *band*, from Old Norse; see **bhendh-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

bond a·bil i·ty *n.*

bond a·ble *adj.*

bond er *n.*



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bond

Flemish pattern

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Bond  (bönd), **Julian** 1940-2015.

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American politician and civil rights leader who was elected to the Georgia legislature (1966) but temporarily barred from taking office because of his opposition to the Vietnam War.

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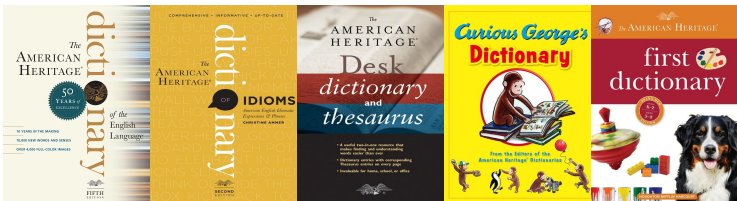
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