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bound¹  (bound)

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intr.v. **bound·ed, bound·ing, bounds**

1. To leap forward or upward; jump; spring: *The dog bounded over the gate.*
2. To move forward by leaps or springs: *The deer bounded into the woods.*
3. To spring back from a surface; rebound: *The basketball bounded off the backboard.*

n.

1. A leap; a jump: *The deer was away in a single bound.*
2. A springing back from a surface after hitting it; a bounce: *caught the ball on the bound.*

[French *bondir*, to bounce, from Old French, to resound, perhaps from Vulgar Latin **bombitire*, from Latin *bombitare*, to hum, from *bombus*, a humming sound, from Greek *bombos*.]

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bound²  (bound)

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n.

1. often **bounds** A boundary; a limit: *Our joy knew no bounds. Your remarks exceed the bounds of reason.*
2. **bounds** The territory on, within, or near limiting lines: *the bounds of the kingdom.*

v. **bound·ed, bound·ing, bounds**

v. tr.

1. To set a limit to; confine: *a high wall that bounded the prison yard; lives that were bounded by poverty.*
2. To constitute the boundary or limit of: *a city park that was bounded by busy streets.*
3. To identify the boundaries of; demarcate.

v. intr.

To border on another place, state, or country.

Idioms:

in(or within)bounds*Sports*

Within the boundary of a playing field or court and therefore in play or legal.

out of bounds

1. *Sports* Outside the boundary of a playing field or court and therefore not in play or legal.
2. Outside the boundary of where one is allowed to be; in a forbidden or unauthorized place: *The research lab is out of bounds for first-year students.*
3. In violation of acceptable rules or standards, as of decency: *felt the guest's behavior was out of bounds.*

[Middle English, from Old French and Anglo-Norman *bodne, bonde*, from Vulgar Latin **bodina* (compare Medieval Latin *bodina, butina*), from Gaulish **bodina*, frontier, boundary, from Proto-Celtic **budinā*, troop, company of warriors (such as might defend or raid at the boundaries of a territory); compare Old Irish *buiden*, band, troop, and Welsh *byddin*, troop, army; perhaps further akin to Celtic **bowdi-*, booty, plunder; see [BOOTY](#)¹.]

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v.

Past tense and past participle of [bind](#).

adj.

1. Confined by bonds; tied: *bound hostages*.
2. Being under legal or moral obligation: *bound by my promise*.
3. Equipped with a cover or binding: *bound volumes*.
4. Predetermined; certain: *We're bound to be late*.
5. Determined; resolved: *Many public policy students are bound to be politicians one day*.
6. *Linguistics* Being a form, especially a morpheme, that cannot stand as an independent word, such as a prefix or suffix.
7. Constipated.

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adj.

Headed or intending to head in a specified direction: *commuters bound for home; a south-bound train*.

[Alteration of Middle English *boun*, ready, from Old Norse *būinn*, past participle of *būa*, to get ready; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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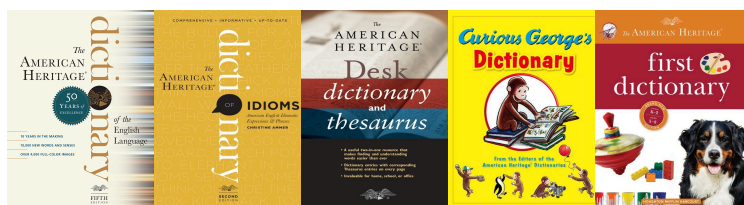
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