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con·dign  (kən-dīn)

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adj.
Deserved; adequate: "On sober reflection, such worries over a man's condign punishment seemed senseless" (Henry Louis Gates, Jr.)

[Middle English *condigne*, from Old French, from Latin *condignus* : *com-*, intensive pref.; see [COM-](#) + *dignus*, worthy; see **dek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

con·dign *ly adv.*

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