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intr.v. **con·duced**, **con·duc·ing**, **con·duc·es**

To contribute or lead to a specific result: "*The quiet conduces to thinking about the darkening future*" (George F. Will).

[Latin *condūcere* : *com-*, *com-* + *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

con·duc *er n.*

con·duc *ing·ly adv.*

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