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com·bine  (kəm-bīn)

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v. com·bined, com·bin·ing, com·bines

v.tr.

1. To bring into a state of unity; make united: *combined the ingredients in a bowl; combined the eggs and flour.*
2. To join (two or more substances) to make a single substance, such as a chemical compound; mix.
3. To have, exhibit, or involve in combination: *The choreography combines artistry and athletics.*
4. (kŏm bīn') To harvest (a grain crop) using a cutting, threshing, and cleaning machine.

v.intr.

1. To become united: *factors that combined to produce a storm.*
2. To join together for a common purpose. See Synonyms at [join](#).
3. *Chemistry* To form a compound.
4. (kŏm bīn') To harvest a grain crop using a cutting, threshing, and cleaning machine.

n. (kŏm bīn')

1. A power-operated harvesting machine that cuts, threshes, and cleans grain.
2. An association of people or groups united for the furtherance of political or commercial interests.
3. A combination.

[Middle English *combinen*, from Old French *combiner*, from Late Latin *combīnāre* : Latin *com-*, *com-* + *bīnī*, two by two; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

com·bin er n.



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combine

harvesting wheat

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