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AND  (ănd)

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A logical operator that returns a true value only if both operands are true.

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and  (ənd, ən; ănd *when stressed*)

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conj.

1. Together with or along with; in addition to; as well as. Used to connect words, phrases, or clauses that have the same grammatical function in a construction.
2. Added to; plus: *Two and two makes four.*
3. Used to indicate result: *Give the boy a chance, and he might surprise you.*
4. *Informal* Used after a verb such as *come*, *go*, or *try* to introduce another verb describing the purpose of the action: *come and see; try and find it.* See Usage Note at [try](#).
5. *Archaic* If: *and it please you.*

n.

An addition or stipulation: *The offer is final—no ifs, ands, or buts.*

Idioms:

and so forth/on

1. And other unspecified things of the same class: *bought groceries, went to the bank, picked up the dry cleaning, and so forth.*

2. Further in the same manner.

and then some *Informal*

With considerably more in addition: *This project will take all our skill and then some.*

[Middle English, from Old English; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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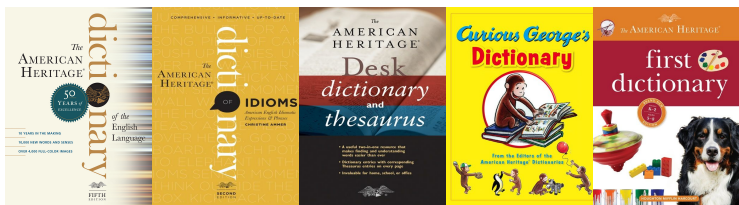
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