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n.

1. A formal assembly of representatives, as of various nations, to discuss problems.
2. The national legislative body of a nation, especially a republic.

3. Congress

- a. The national legislative body of the United States, consisting of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- b. The two-year session of this legislature between elections of the House of Representatives.

4.

- a. The act of coming together or meeting.
- b. A single meeting, as of a political party or other group.

5. Sexual intercourse.

[Middle English *congresse*, body of attendants, from Latin *congressus*, meeting, from past participle of *congregdī*, to meet : *com-*, *com-* + *gradī*, to go; see **ghredh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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