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re·con·noi·ter  (rē'kə-noi tər, rĕk'ə-)

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v. re·con·noi·tered, re·con·noi·ter·ing, re·con·noi·ters

v.tr.

To make a preliminary examination of (an area or a group, for example), usually by moving around and observing, in order to gather information, especially for military purposes: *reconnoitered the enemy positions.*

v.intr.

To make a reconnaissance or preliminary examination.

n.

An act of reconnoitering.

[Obsolete French *reconnoître*, from Old French *reconoistre*, to recognize; see [RECOGNIZE](#).]

re'con·noi ter·er *n.*

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