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n.

1. A ceding or surrendering, as of territory to another country by treaty.
2. Something, such as territory, that is ceded.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *cessiō*, *cessiōn-*, from *cessus*, past participle of *cēdere*, to yield; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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