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con·cede  (kən-sēd)

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v. con·ced·ed, con·ced·ing, con·cedes

v.tr.

1. To acknowledge, often reluctantly, as being true, just, or proper; admit: *conceded that we made a mistake.* See Synonyms at [acknowledge](#).

2.

a. To acknowledge or admit (defeat).

b. To acknowledge defeat in: *concede an election; concede a chess match.*

3.

a. To yield or surrender (something owned or disputed, such as land): *conceded the region when signing the treaty.*

b. To yield or grant (a privilege or right, for example).

c. Sports To allow (a goal or point, for example) to be scored by the opposing team or player.

v.intr.

To make a concession or acknowledge defeat; yield: *The losing candidate conceded after the polls had closed.*

[French *concéder*, from Latin *concēdere* : *com-*, intensive pref.; see [COM-](#) + *cēdere*, to yield; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

con·ced ed·ly (-sē dīd-lē) *adv.*

con·ced er *n.*

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