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con·crete  (kŏn-krēt , kŏng-, kŏn krēt', kŏng -)

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adj.

1.

a. Of or relating to an actual, specific thing or instance; particular: *had the concrete evidence needed to convict.*

b. Relating to nouns, such as *flower* or *rain*, that denote a material or tangible object or phenomenon.

2. Existing in reality or in real experience; perceptible by the senses; real: *concrete objects such as trees.*

3. Formed by the coalescence of separate particles or parts into one mass; solid.

4. Made of hard, strong, conglomerate construction material.

n. (kŏn krēt', kŏng -, kŏn-krēt , kŏng-)

1. A hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate gravel, pebbles, broken stone, or slag in a mortar or cement matrix.

2. A mass formed by the coalescence of particles.

v. (kŏn krēt', kŏng -, kŏn-krēt , kŏng-) **con·cret·ed**, **con·cret·ing**, **con·cretes**

v.tr.

1. To build, treat, or cover with hard, strong conglomerate construction material.

2. To form into a mass by coalescence or cohesion of particles or parts.

v.intr.

To harden; solidify.

[Middle English *concret*, from Latin *concrētus*, past participle of *concrēscere*, to grow together, harden : *com-*, *com-* + *crēscere*, to grow; see **ker-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

con·crete *ly* *adv.*

con·crete *ness* *n.*

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