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v. **ac·cord·ed**, **ac·cord·ing**, **ac·cords**

v.tr.

1. To give or grant, especially as being due or appropriate: *accorded the president the proper deference.*

2. *Archaic* To cause to conform or agree; bring into harmony.

v.intr.

To be in agreement, unity, or harmony. See Synonyms at [correspond](#).

n.

1. Agreement; harmony: *act in accord with university policies.*

2. A settlement or compromise between conflicting parties: *The strikers and the owners reached an accord.*

3. Spontaneous or voluntary desire to take a certain action: *The children returned on their own accord. He confessed of his own accord.*

[Middle English *accorden*, from Old French *acorder*, from Medieval Latin *accordāre*, to bring into agreement : Latin *ad-*, *ad-* + Latin *cor*, *cord-*, heart; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ac·cord er n.

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