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suc·cor  (sŭk ər)

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n.

1. Assistance in time of distress; relief.

2. One that affords assistance or relief: *"There is a higher beauty still in ... being a succor to the oppressed" (Charles Sumner).*

tr.v. **suc·cored**, **suc·cor·ing**, **suc·cors**

To give assistance to in time of want, difficulty, or distress: *succor the poor.*

[Middle English *sucur*, back-formation from *sucurs* (taken as pl.), from Old French *secors*, from Medieval Latin *succursus*, from past participle of Latin *succurrere*, to run to the aid of : *sub-*, *sub-* + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

suc cor·a·ble *adj.*

suc cor·er *n.*

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