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Dictionary

con·front
/kənˈfrʌnt/

verb

verb: **confront**; 3rd person present: **confronts**; past tense: **confronted**; past participle: **confronted**; gerund or present participle: **confronting**

meet (someone) face to face with hostile or argumentative intent.
"300 policemen confronted an equal number of union supporters"

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• (of a problem, difficulty, etc.) present itself to (someone) so that dealing with it cannot be avoided.
"post-czarist Russia was **confronted with** a Ukrainian national movement"

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• face up to and deal with (a problem or difficult situation).
"usually the best thing you can do in an embarrassing situation isto confront it head on"

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[address](#) [face](#) [set about](#) [go about](#) [get to work at](#) [busy oneself with](#)
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[pursue](#) [handle](#) [manage](#) [have a crack at](#) [have a go at](#) [have a shot at](#)
[get stuck into](#)

Opposite: [avoid](#)

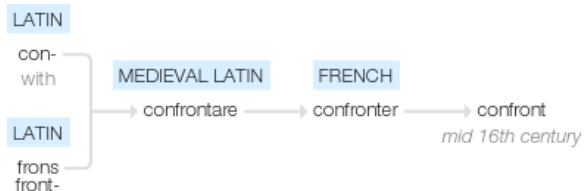
• compel (someone) to face or consider something, especially by way of accusation.
"Tricia **confronted** him **with** her suspicions"

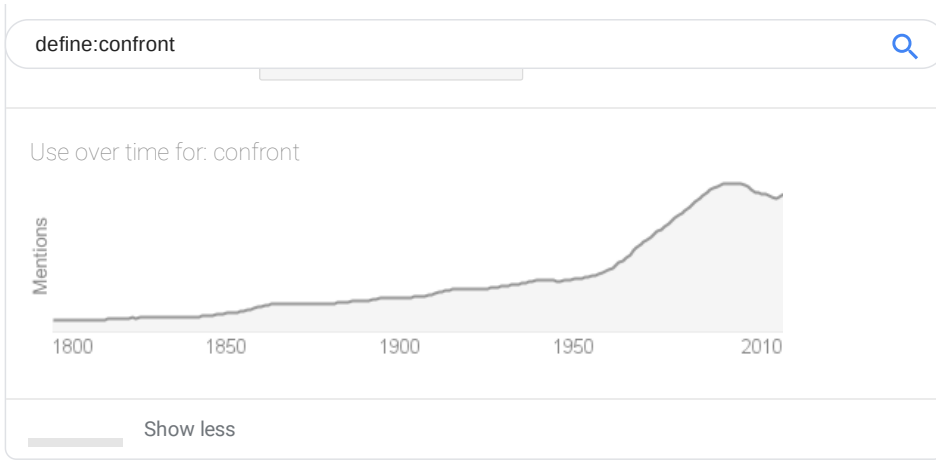
Similar: [present](#) [bring face to face](#) [face](#)

Opposite: [spare](#)

• appear or be placed in front of (someone) so as to unsettle or threaten.
"we were **confronted with** pictures of moving skeletons"

Origin





From Oxford

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