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## federation

[play](#)noun *fed·er·a·tion \,fe-də-ˈrā-shən\*

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### Simple Definition of *federation*

- : a country formed by separate states that have given certain powers to a central government while keeping control over local matters
- : an organization that is made by loosely joining together smaller organizations
- : the act of joining together separate organizations or states

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### Full Definition of *federation*

1. *I* : an encompassing political or societal entity formed by uniting smaller or more localized entities: as *a* : a [federal](#) government *b* : a union of organizations
2. *2* : the act of creating or becoming a federation; *especially* : the forming of a federal union

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## Examples of *federation* in a sentence

1. a *federation* of labor unions
2. a *federation* of women's clubs
3. the *federation* of the states



1787

## First Known Use of *federation*

1787

## Related to *federation*

### Synonyms

[alliance](#), [axis](#), [bloc](#), [block](#), [coalition](#), [combination](#), [combine](#), [confederation](#), [confederacy](#), [league](#), [union](#)

### Related Words

[cabal](#), [conspiracy](#), [junto](#); [cartel](#), [syndicate](#), [trust](#); [faction](#), [front](#), [fusion](#), [side](#), [wing](#); [association](#), [group](#), [organization](#); [affiliation](#), [cooperative](#), [partnership](#); [circuit](#), [conference](#)

## Other Government and Politics Terms

[agent provocateur](#), [agitprop](#), [autarky](#), [cabal](#), [egalitarianism](#), [federalism](#), [hegemony](#), [plenipotentiary](#), [popular sovereignty](#), [socialism](#)

## Rhymes with *federation*

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