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HISTORIC FACT ABOUT CEMENT

The Romans had a word for it - "Caementum", meaning to cut down in size.

This had evolved from the early use of a mortar made from the fragments cut from stones used in the construction of such structures as the pyramids.

Evolution of the term after the Roman times eventually brought forth today's "cement." It is somewhat ironic that the word which originated with the concept of cutting is used today most frequently with the concept of bringing together or binding. Cement is a bonding agent. It is also the major ingredient in concrete.

The name concrete comes from the Latin "Concretus", which means 'to grow together.'



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