



◀ The **federal** government in the United States has three parts or branches—the executive branch, legislative branch, and judicial branch. The president is the head of the executive branch. We honor our nation’s presidents on the third Monday in February.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
<i>federal</i>	adjective	having to do with a central authority or central government in a union	<i>federal</i> comes from the Latin <i>foedus</i> , which refers to an alliance; <i>federal</i> is also related to <i>fides</i> the Latin word for “faith”	<i>federalism</i> , <i>federalist</i> (nouns); <i>to federalize</i> (verb); <i>federally</i> (adverb)

Draw a picture or graphic of the word.

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

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Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

Think of one thing the federal government does and write a sentence about it.

Figurative Language

To make a federal case out of something is to exaggerate its importance. *Louisa made a federal case out of her missing pencil, so we all had to stop what we were doing and help her look for it.*

