

communicate verb

com·mu·ni·cate (kə-'myü-nə-,kāt ▶▶)

communicated; communicating

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transitive verb

- 1 a** : to convey knowledge of or information about : make known

communicate a story

She *communicated* her ideas to the group.

- b** : to reveal by clear signs

His fear *communicated* itself to his friends.

He *communicated* his dissatisfaction to the staff.

- 2** : to cause to pass from one to another

Some diseases are easily *communicated*.

- 3** archaic : **SHARE**

intransitive verb

- 1** : to transmit information, thought, or feeling so that it is satisfactorily received or understood

two sides failing to *communicate* with each other



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give

spread

transfuse

convey

impart

transfer

transmit

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— Christopher Goffard, *Los Angeles Times*, 17 July 2024

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— Melissa Willets, *Parents*, 16 July 2024

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— Jason Mastrodonato, *The Mercury News*, 16 July 2024

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Latin *communicatus*, past participle of *communicare* to impart, participate, from *communis* common — more at [MEAN](#)

First Known Use

1529, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

Time Traveler

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