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Main Entry: **com·mu·ni·ca·tion**

Pronunciation: \kə-,myū-nə-'kā-shən\

Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 : an act or instance of transmitting

2 a : information **communicated** **b** : a verbal or written message

3 a : a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior <the function of pheromones in insect communication>; *also* : exchange of information **b** : personal rapport <a lack of communication between old and young persons>

4 plural a : a system (as of telephones) for **communicating** **b** : a system of routes for moving troops, supplies, and vehicles

c : personnel engaged in **communicating**

5 plural but sing or plural in constr a : a technique for expressing ideas effectively (as in speech) **b** : the technology of the transmission of information (as by print or telecommunication)

— **com·mu·ni·ca·tion·al** \-shnəl, -shə-n^ə\ *adjective*

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