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I. Senses relating principally to the transmission or imparting of something.

1.

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a. transitive. To impart (information, knowledge, or the like) (*to* a person; also formerly †*with*); to impart the knowledge or idea of (something), to inform a person of; to convey, express; to give an impression of, put across. Formerly also *intransitive*.

1529 T. Wolsey in H. Ellis *Orig. Lett. Eng. Hist.* (1824) II. 2 I wold nut onely commynycat thyngs unto you, wherin, etc.

1555 R. Eden tr. Peter Martyr of Angleria *Decades of Newe Worlde* f. 313 He wolde..haue communicate this secrete to his owne contrey men.

1559 P. Morwyng tr. C. Gesner *Treasure of Euonymus* Pref. I will communicate it with the studious of Physick.

1611 *Bible (King James)* Gal. ii. 2 I..communicated vnto them that Gospel, which I preach. [View more context for this quotation](#)

1672 T. Shadwell *Miser* v. i. 76 Come prethee communicate, let's see the labour of thy Muse.

1675 R. Burthogge *Causa Dei* 335 Doctrines..communicated down from hand to hand by Immemorial Tradition.

1704 J. Swift *Tale of Tub* i. 48 The Discovery he made, and communicated with his Friends.

1757 S. Foote *Author* i. 9 You may communicate; this gentleman is a Friend.

1803 Ld. Nelson *Let.* 29 Dec. in *Dispatches & Lett.* (1845) V. 336 The Queen..would hardly commit herself in communicating secrets to a Frenchman.

1860 J. Tyndall *Glaciers of Alps* ii. ix. 272 The result of his observations was communicated to Prof. Jameson.

1882 *Catholic World* July 511 It was communicated to her in confidence.

1913 *Times* 13 June 3/6 The debtor communicated to his brother his intention of going to Russia.

1978 *Economist* (Nexis) 26 Aug. 97 This book..vividly communicates its author's enthusiasms.

1989 J. Gardam *Showing Flag* (1990) 12 She felt nothing to have properly occurred unless she had communicated it in writing.

2005 R. Nidel *World Music: Basics* i. 54 Her brand of acoustic Afropop...speaks of the tragedy of her homeland,..always with an optimistic attitude that communicates her love of life.
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b. transitive. To impart by way of information to a learned society, the readers of a journal, etc.; to submit (a paper or article). Cf. communication n. 7b.

1665 *Philos. Trans.* (Royal Soc.) 1 10 By the same Noble person was lately communicated to the Royal Society an Account of a very Odd Monstrous Birth.

1750 *Mem. Royal Acad. Surg. Paris* II. 522 In the same Journal we find two observations, communicated by M. Jobert.

1786 T. Jefferson *Writings* (1859) I. 567 I should be glad to communicate some answer.

1859 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 417/2 A Mr. J. Spotswood Wilson has communicated a paper on 'The General and Gradual Desiccation of the earth and Atmosphere'.

1905 *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* 44 32 Five years ago I communicated an article to the society.

1996 *Science* 271 1063/2 Academy members no longer must declare whether they have a conflict of interest when they communicate a paper.
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1837 R. P. Ward *Illustr. Human Life* II. 69 His conversation is so delightful;..his classical knowledge and taste are so good, and his mode of communicating himself so clear.

1891 R. Kipling & W. Balestier in *Cent. Mag.* Nov. 37/1 She could not say much in reply. She had no such gift of communicating herself as Tarvin.

1954 E. K. Bennett *Stefan George* i. 12 The greater his conviction and assurance of the rightness and importance of his ideal, the more selective he will be in choosing those to whom he communicates himself.

1982 *Times* 23 Mar. 8/6 The gift of being able to communicate himself, by passion, vulnerability, warmth, humility and conviction.

2006 *N.Z. Herald* (Nexis) 29 July (Sport section) What hurt most was probably that I didn't communicate myself very well to them.
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d. intransitive. To convey one's thoughts, feelings, etc., successfully or effectively; to gain understanding or sympathy. Also in extended use, of a work of art, literature, etc.

1959 *Listener* 2 July 27/1 They buy only pictures that will communicate readily.

1962 *Listener* 22 Feb. 324/2 The spectacle is of the artist doubtful about himself, his social role, his own ends, his power to communicate.

1968 *Listener* 8 Aug. 185/3 One of the few serious western composers capable of communicating to honest-to-goodness music-lovers.

1990 *Atlantic* Dec. 100/2 His strength is magnified by his ability to communicate, which is of Reaganesque dimensions.

2007 *Guardian* (Nexis) 4 Dec. 36 [He] seemed at last to relax and play with the conviction of a pianist born to communicate.
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2. transitive. gen. To impart or transmit (something intangible or abstract, as light, heat, motion, a quality, feeling, etc.); to give a share of. Also *reflexive* with the quality, etc., as subject.

1534 T. Elyot in tr. *Swete & Devoute Serm.* Pref. sig. A.iii^v I..loue you..for your perseuerance in vertu & warkes of true faith, praieng you to communicate it with our two susters religiose Dorothe & Alianour.

1594 T. Bowes tr. P. de la Primaudaye *French Acad.* II. 13 Hee communicateth vnto vs as much celestiall and heauenly light as is needefull.

1651 T. Hobbes *Leviathan* iv. xlv. 353 The Græcians..communicated their Language..into Asia.

1653 H. More *Antidote Atheism* (1662) 151 Nor [can] Motion be communicated but by Impulse.

1725 in H. Foley *Rec. Eng. Province Soc. Jesus* VII. Introd. p. xl From thence it [sc. the fire] communicated itself to the great square, or new building of the College on both sides.

1752 S. Johnson *Rambler* No. 204. ¶5 Eminently qualified to receive or communicate pleasure.

1807 T. Young *Course Lect. Nat. Philos.* I. xxvii. 320 We must double the diameter of one of the wheels by which the force is communicated, in order to give the millstone the desired velocity.

1875 W. S. Jevons *Money* (1878) 125 It has a disagreeable odour which it communicates to the fingers.

1939 A. Powell *What's become of Waring* ii. 44 The stagnant character of those streets seemed to communicate itself to one's limbs.

1990 *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* 134 4 Even stronger, and much more lasting, is the overwhelming desire to communicate pleasure.

2005 L. Randall *Warped Passages* xvi. 323 One of these particles..is a gauge boson that can communicate a force.

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1553 T. Paynell tr. Dares *Faythfull & True Storye Destr. Troye* sig. Hvij^v I opened my gate vnto him & voluntarily communicated al y^t I had.

1597 J. Gerard *Herball* i. 50 [He] did communicate one of the plants thereof vnto *Clusius*.

1650 T. Fuller *Pisgah-sight of Palestine* iv. vi. 107 Sometimes, Kings did..communicate their robes to be worn by their Favorites.

1711 J. Addison *Spectator* No. 130. ¶2 If I would, they should tell us our Fortunes... We rid up and communicated our Hands to them [sc. the Gypsies].

a1763 W. Shenstone *Wks. Verse & Prose* (1764) II. 5 The latter [sc. the miser] is indeed obliged to bid adieu to what he communicates.

1778 A. Smith *Let.* 24 Nov. (1977) clxxxvi. 236 When Mr. Sinclair comes to Edinburgh I shall be very happy to communicate to him not only that book, but everything else I have upon the subject.

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†4. *transitive*. To give or bestow (a name, esp. one's own) to be used by another person; to give a wider application to. *Obsolete*.

1556 J. Standish *Triall Supremacy* sig. lii Peter..had a name geuen which was deriued out of christes owne name..so that christ did communicate his owne name to Peter.

1605 W. Camden *Remaines* i. 86 Wisedome; a name peculiarly applied..to our most blessed Saviour..And therefore some godly men do more than dislike it as irreligious, that it should bee communicated to any other.

1662 J. Davies tr. A. Olearius *Voy. & Trav. J. Albert de Mandelslo* iii. 276 in *Voy. & Trav. Ambassadors* It may probably be said, that Canaria being the biggest of all the fortunate Islands, derived its name to all the rest of them, as that of Tercera communicates its name to all the Assores.

1715 J. Stevens tr. *Hist. Persia* vi. 21 This is the Metropolis of the Kingdom properly call'd Persia, whose Name is communicated to all the rest that are subject to it.

1776 E. Gibbon *Decline & Fall* I. vi. 156 The name of Antoninus..had been communicated by adoption to the dissolute Verus.

1850 C. Anthon *Syst. Anc. & Mediæval Geogr.* 276 These are spoken of as one of the most ancient nations of Italy, and as having once occupied all the country to which the *Venēti*..communicated the name *Venetia*.

1881 *Proc. Birmingham Philos. Soc.* 2 323 We know that at least one tribe was called Brittanni—and that they communicated the name of Insular Britain. (Hide quotations)

1603 J. Balmford *Short Dialogue Plagues Infection* 37 As the infection of the Plague, so of the Leprosie was communicated by the ayre, and not onely by touching.

1684 S. Pordage tr. T. Willis *Of Feavers* in *Pract. Physick* (rev. ed.) xv. 119 Neither is the Infection only communicated by contact, but at a distance.

1702 R. Meade *Mech. Acct. Poisons* v. 168 When a Fever is communicated by way of Infection from one already Diseased, this most commonly happens in the latter End of the Distemper.

1769 W. Robertson *Hist. Charles V* II. v. 309 The prisoners communicated to them the pestilence.

1790 E. Helme tr. F. Le Vaillant *Trav. Afr.* II. 80 It is a kind of leprosy, that may be communicated in an instant.

1834 S. Cooper *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 601 A healthy wet nurse, getting a sore nipple, in consequence of suckling a pocky child..will communicate the disease to the Fœtus.

1903 *Times* 4 Aug. 7/6 They undergo a development..which fits them to communicate the disease to any susceptible person upon whom the mosquito may afterwards feed.

1935 *Trans. Royal Soc. Trop. Med. & Hygiene* 29 108 The form of human typhus which is communicated from man to man by lice.

1999 D. Sobel *Galileo's Daughter* (2000) viii. 86 His frequent telescope demonstrations may have predisposed him also to ocular infections, easily communicated by sharing an eyepiece.

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II. Senses relating principally to association and sharing; also in later use (influenced by Branch L), involving the imparting or sharing of information, etc.

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a. transitive. To share (in), partake of; to use or enjoy in common (*with*); to share *with* (either as giver or as recipient). *Obsolete*.

a1530 W. Bonde *Pylgrimage of Perfeccyon* (1531) iii. f. CCxxi The sacramentes of y^e chirche, & the..receyuyng of them, whiche holy christyans doth communycate.

1574 T. Cartwright tr. W. Travers *Full Declar. Eccl. Discipline* 166 Why do we communicate the holie Sacramentes with the Papistes?

1582 in J. Spottiswood *Hist. Church Scotl.* (1677) vi. 324 That the Queen of Scots should communicate the Crown with her Son.

1605 B. Jonson *Sejanus* iii. i. 47 Thousands, that communicate our losse.

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1612 F. Bacon *Ess.* (new ed.) 15 Common benefits are to bee communicate with all.

c1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) v. 2128 That which man communicates with beast.

1640 E. Dacres tr. N. Machiavelli *Prince* xix. 160 Hee writ, that being elected Emperour by the Senate, hee would willingly communicate it with him; and thereupon sent him the title of Caesar.

1777 W. Melmoth tr. Cicero *Laelius* II. 103 Whatever excellencies a man may possess,..he ought generously to communicate the benefits of them with his friends and family.

1850 T. A. Buckley tr. Euripides *Iphigenia in Aulis* in *Trag.* I. 314 Come, communicate discourse with me [Gk. *κοίνωσον μῦθον ἐς ἡμᾶς*].

1890 W. Wallace *Life Schopenhauer* 67 Nor was he the only acquaintance with whom Schopenhauer communicated some of his..means.

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b. intransitive. To have a common part or share; to partake, participate, share (*with* another person). Frequently with *in* (the thing shared; also *with*, (occasionally) *of*). *Obsolete*. In later use chiefly with reference to the Eucharist; cf. sense [Z](#).

1541 T. Elyot *Image of Gouvernance* xxxvii. f. 89 Ye muste confesse Paulus, that in our person be two states or conditions... In the fyrst we be resembled to beastis, for the affections and passions, wherin we communycate with them.

1549 H. Latimer *2nd Serm. before Kynges Maiestie* 5th Serm. sig. Siiii Who beareth wyth other folkes offences, he communycateth wyth other folkes synnes.

1579 G. Fenton tr. F. Guicciardini *Hist. Guicciardin* viii. 427 Cesar the dictator, of whom you beare the name, and communicates no lesse in his fortunes.

1611 *Bible (King James)* Philipp. iv. 14 Yee haue well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. [View more context for this quotation](#)

1634 J. Canne *Necessitie of Separation* ii. 112 The worship of the English service booke is unlawfull to be communicated with.

1653 H. Holcroft tr. Procopius *Gothick Warre* ii. 56 in tr. Procopius *Hist. Warres Justinian* For him who communicated of the Emperours secrets.

1658 R. Allestree *Pract. Christian Graces; or, Whole Duty of Man* xv. §4.

308 We are..to communicate with them in all holy offices.

1709 G. Stanhope *Paraphr. Epist. & Gospels* IV. 51 The absurdity of communicating in Heathen Rites.

1794 J. Morse *Amer. Geogr.* (ed. 3) 223 They refuse to communicate in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper with other denominations.

1833 J. England *Explan. Construction, Furniture & Ornaments Church* 104 We..communicate with them [sc. the saints] in the doctrine to which they adhered.

1855 G. A. Denison tr. H. Saravia *On Holy Eucharist* 99 All who communicate in the Mysteries of the Lord's Supper.
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7. Christian Church.

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a. intransitive. To receive consecrated bread or wine at a celebration of the Eucharist; to unite in the celebration of the Eucharist; to take communion.

1539 T. Paynell tr. St. Cyprian *Serm. on Lordes Prayer* sig. C^v Leste we,..by some greuouser offence chaunsynge, whyle we be accursed out of the churche, & not communicating, shulde be prohybited from that heuenly breadde.

1545 *Rescuynge of Romishe Fox* sig. liij^v Thos..that suffer not lay men [to] communicate in ij kyndes.

1549 *Bk. Common Prayer* (STC 16267) Svpper of the Lorde f. cxxxiii Though there be none to communicate with the Prieste...To communicate once in the year at the least.

1619 E. Chaloner tr. J. Bédé *Masse Displayed* ¶¶ 1 The people did pray with the Pastour, nor onely pray together, but communicate too.

1651 C. Cartwright *Certamen Religiosum* i. 283 In Cyprians time all that did communicate at all, did communicate in both kinds.

1740 J. Wesley *Wks.* (1872) I. 279 Every one who was baptized communicated daily.

1753 R. Challoner *Catholick Christian Instructed* 100 It was used to be sung at the high Mass, at the Time that the People communicated.

1806 J. Lingard *Antiq. Anglo-Saxon Church* II. i. 13 They..assisted, without communicating, at the mass.

1849 T. B. Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* II. 83 He certainly had scruples about communicating with the Church of England.

1885 T. Mozley *Reminisc. Towns* (ed. 2) I. vii. 35

Everybody..communicated, except a stable-boy who had not yet been confirmed.

1944 M.-L. Dufrenoy tr. F. Mauriac *Eucharist* xi. 63 The faithful Catholic who communicates receives the entire person of Christ.

1998 *Church Times* 24 July 9/5 This has been an enormous encouragement to young people to communicate weekly.

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b. transitive. To administer the Eucharist to (a person). Also *reflexive*. In quot.

1635 used *intransitively* with *to* in same sense.

1539 *Act 31 Hen. VIII* c. 14 That al men should be communicate with bothe kindes.

1581 W. Fulke *Reioynder Bristows Replie* 62 Certeine parsons..do communicate the lay people euerie where, not onely vnder y^e kind of bread, but also vnder y^e kinde of wine.

1620 N. Brent tr. P. Sarpi *Hist. Council of Trent* iv. 341 Whether children ought to be communicated.

1635 E. Pagitt *Christianographie* (1636) iii. 108 We command no Priest to communicate to the people in both kinds.

1671 J. V. Canes *Three Lett.* iii. 303 The Council of Basil, which a little after determined the same doctrin, namely that Priests are not bound to communicate the people in both kinds.

1728 C. Nary *Let. to Edward Lord Arch-bishop of Tuam* 161 For many Ages past, they communicate the People at publick Service, with the Host dipp'd or steep'd in the Chalice.

1855 N. Wiseman *Fabiola* 73 Speaking of a married woman communicating herself at home.

1872 O. Shipley *Gloss. Eccl. Terms* 10/1 The Eastern Church communicates the faithful in both kinds.

1900 *Church Times* 2 Feb. 136/4 I communicated over seventy around a tent..this morning, from medalled general to private Atkins.

1927 *Times* 4 June 15/4 He would wish to be satisfied that there was a reasonable prospect of the reserved sacrament being wanted to communicate the sick.

2005 *Church Times* 15 July 13/5 He always carried a spoon with him, so that after a baptism he could immediately communicate the child.
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c. transitive. To partake of (the body or blood of Christ) in the Eucharist; to receive or administer (the Eucharist). Now *rare*.

1554 Bp. T. Watson *Twoo Notable Serm.* sig. Hvii^v S. Basyll beyng asked, wyth what feare, persuasion, fayth, and affection we shuld come & communicate the bodye and bloude of Christ, aunswereth thus.

1581 J. Marbeck *Bk. Notes & Common Places* 138 A lofe cannot refresh manie without it be broken and diuided. And by this meanes it aunswereth and is agreeable to the mysterie of the communicating the bodie of the Lord.

1647 *Souldier's March to Salvation* 19 The army of King William..did give themselves to acknowledge their sins, prayer, and communicating the Lord's body.

1653 *Baker's Chron. Kings of Eng.* (new ed.) 36 He communicated the mysteries of the blessed body of Christ.

1709 J. Strype *Ann. Reformation* xxi. 258 When he [sc. Calvin] came first to Geneva, the Sacrament was communicated but thrice in the year.

1839 R. B. Grindrod *Bacchus* xx. 493 Judges were always to be in such a state as to administer justice; the clergy in a fit condition to communicate the sacrament.

1929 A. Crowley *Moonchild* xix. 270 The American priest next proceeded to confirm them in the Christian religion, and to communicate the Sacrament.
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8.

a. intransitive. With *with*. Originally: †to interact socially, to have dealings or intercourse *with* (*obsolete*). In later use: *spec.* to impart, exchange, or share information or ideas *with*, by means of speech, writing, signals, etc.

1547 *Certayne Serm. or Homilies* (new ed.) sig. Sii Though he commit thesame neuer so secretly, either in thought, woorde, or dede: neuer so

prively, in hys priue chambre, by hymselfe, or openly communicatyng, and consultancyng with other.

1564 A. Golding tr. Justinus *Hist. Trogus Pompeius* xxxvi. f. 125 Forasmuch as they remembered howe they were dryuen oute of Aegypt, for feare of infection, they made a lawe, neuer after to communicate with stravngrs.

1652 J. Wadsworth tr. P. de Sandoval *Civil Wars Spain* v. xxxi. 313 Lest their too frequent conversation might breed suspition, Don Pedro agreed, that hee should communicate freely with Alonso Ortiz.

1730 H. Fielding *Temple Beau* i. ii. 5 Sooner than converse with thee, may I be oblig'd to communicate with a drunken, idle, illiterate Soph.

1799 W. Godwin *St. Leon* III. xi. 257 For the first time..I had opportunity to communicate with a man whose soul was not enslaved to the blood-thirsty superstition of this devoted country.

1834 M. Constable *Let.* 19 Nov. in J. Constable *Corr.* (1962) 286 Time does not allow of sending to know if G.C. has communicated with you as pertains to the accounts.

1847 W. H. Prescott *Hist. Conquest Peru* II. iv. iii. 139 He..put in at one of the Azores, where he remained until he could communicate with home.

1865 E. B. Tylor *Res. Early Hist. Mankind* ii. 18 No means of communicating with others but by signs.

1919 T. S. Eliot *Let.* 4 May (1988) I. 291 In case your collapse continues so that you can't stir afoot on Wednesday, please communicate with one of us.

1957 'N. Shute' *On Beach* v. 165 You never communicated with the station direct, from any ship that you were serving in.

1987 J. Uglow *George Eliot* 6 Her union with George Henry Lewes had so outraged her brother Isaac..that he refused to communicate with her.

2008 *N.Y. Mag.* 4 Feb. 42/1 Clay Aiken is communicating with a groomer about his plans for his famous red hair.

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b. intransitive. Without *with* in same sense. Also of two or more individuals: †to have dealings, interact (*obsolete*); to take part in an exchange of information, ideas, etc.; to be in mutual communication.

1598 R. Hakluyt *Princ. Navigations* (new ed.) I. 159 Euen so the marchants..of our soueraigne lord..may..friendly bee vsed, and with your marchants and subiects suffered to communicate and to haue intercourse of traffique.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseudodoxia Epidemica* 76 The conceit is excellent, and if the effect would follow somewhat divine, whereby we might communicate like spirits. [View more context for this quotation](#)

1667 T. Sprat *Hist. Royal-Soc.* 131 In the Royal Society the Scotch, the Irish, the English Gentry do meet, and communicate, without any distinction of Countries or affections.

1784 W. Mitford *Hist. Greece* I. x. 418 They communicated by means of letters wrapt round arrows which were shot to spots agreed upon.

1845 *Amer. Whig Rev.* Mar. 252/2 The readiness with which savages of different tribes communicate by means of manual signs.

1850 Ld. Tennyson *In Memoriam* lxxxiii. 121 In dear words of human speech We two communicate no more. [View more context for this quotation](#)

1902 G. S. Whitmore *Last Maori War* x. 159 As it was absolutely necessary to communicate, I went forward myself with my staff, a bugler and two of the guides.

1974 B. Emecheta *Second Class Citizen* v. 55 She and Francis communicated only in monosyllables, and then only when the conversation was very necessary.

1990 *Sciences* Mar.–Apr. 39/2 A host of other highly social animals—including insects—communicate through noises, body language or chemical secretions.

2006 D. Edgerton *Shock of Old* (2008) i. 6 As far back as the late nineteenth century one could have communicated by telegraph.

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†9. *transitive (reflexive)*. To have dealings, relations, or converse *with* (also *to*); to enter into social interaction or contact. *Obsolete*.

1561 T. Norton tr. J. Calvin *Inst. Christian Relig.* i. f. 33 He came downe as a meane betwene God and men..His nie communicating himself made him to be called an Angell.

1624 T. Heywood *Γυναικεῖον* iv. 175 Her own brother with whom she communicated herselfe as to a husband.

1639 F. Robartes *Gods Holy House* 45 Prayer, whereby to communicate himselfe to almighty God.

1723 D. Defoe *Hist. Col. Jack* (ed. 2) 203 My chief Supporter was gone, and I had no Confident to communicate myself to.

1779 S. Johnson *Garth* in *Pref. Wks. Eng. Poets* IV. 11 He communicated himself through a very wide extent of acquaintance.

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III. Senses relating to access.

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10. *intransitive*. Of a room, vessel, etc.: to be connected *with* another by a channel, aperture, door, etc. Of two or more rooms, vessels, etc.: to be connected in this way. Also with the connecting channel, opening, etc., as subject.

1597 P. Lowe *Whole Course Chirurg.* vi. vii. sig. V3 If the nerue be cutte ouerthwart, there is great danger of conuulsion and inflamation, for the fibres which are cutte, communicate with the vncutte.

1625 S. Purchas *Pilgrimes* I. v. i. 902 Which hath giuen occasion to thinke that this Riuer doth communicate with the Riuer of Saint Iohn of the Amazones.

1673 J. Ray *Observ. Journey Low-countries* 149 This bank of Earth..is discontinued by seven..breaks or apertures..by which the Lagune communicate with the gulf.

1731 J. Arbuthnot *Ess. Nature Aliments* ii. 38 A System of such Canals, which all communicate with one another.

1796 J. Morse *Amer. Universal Geogr.* (new ed.) I. 128 James's Bay lies at the bottom..of Hudson's Bay, with which it communicates.

1833 *Act 3 & 4 William IV* c. 46 §95 One waste..pipe..to communicate with any drain.

1839 G. Bird *Elements Nat. Philos.* 88 When several vessels..communicate together, the same conditions of equilibrium obtain as when fluids are contained in a single vessel.

1864 J. S. Le Fanu *Wylder's Hand* (1898) 275 The high glass doorway, communicating with the drawing-rooms.

1903 H. James *Ambassadors* x. xxviii. 368 He passed back into the rooms, the three that occupied the front and that communicated by wide doors.
1945 *Art Bull.* **27** 148/2 The room communicates with the garden by French windows, opening upon the loggias at either end.
1999 *Essent. Gas Safety* (Council for Registered Gas Installers) x. 141 Where..the door communicates with a bedroom or a bedsitting room.
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co`mmunicated adj.

1610 J. Robinson *Justif. Separation from Church of Eng.* 399 The delegated, and communicated power of Christ is given primarily, and immediately to the Church, and not to the officers.
1685 R. Boyle *Short Mem. Hist. Mineral Waters (adv.)* The communicated writing is not pretended to be a full..History of Mineral Waters.
1795 T. Cavallo *Compl. Treat. Electr.* III. 98 With this machine..the accumulation of the communicated power does not advance..so quick as with the doubler.
1890 J. Martineau *Seat Authority Relig.* iv. i. 316 This communicated idea..plants the Supreme Good beyond the range of all philosophy.
1938 *Times* 7 Dec. 12/3 Miss Ellen Compton plays Mrs. Malaprop..with genuine eloquence and a communicated enjoyment.
1991 *Brit. Jرنل. Criminol.* **21** 433 The importance of public languages, communicated images, and shared orientations in the formation of social order.
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