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## Pronunciation:

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**Inflections:** Past tense and past participle *published*, (*nonstandard*, *rare*) *publisht*;

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**Origin:** A borrowing from French. **Etymons:** French *poeplier*, *publier*.

**Etymology:** < Anglo-Norman *poeplier*, *poplier*, *publier*, *publier*, *pubplier*, *puplier*, *pupplier*... ([Show More](#))

I. To make public.

1.

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**a. transitive.** To announce in a formal or official manner; to proclaim; to promulgate (a law, decree, etc.); †to pronounce (a judicial sentence) (*obsolete*). †to publish (a) war: to declare war (*obsolete*).

a1325 *Statutes of Realm* (Rawl. B.520) (2011) vi. 27 Fram þe time þat te statuz weren ipublist furst.

► a1382 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Bodl. 959) 2 Esdras viii. 15 Þe prechen & pupplisshen vois [a1425 L.V. pupplische a vois; L. *divulgent vocem*] in alle þer cites & in ierusalem, seiynge, ‘gop out in to þe hyl’.  
c1400 J. Wyclif *Eng. Wks.* (1880) 290 (*MED*) Þei maken þe iuge erre and pupplische a sentence contrarie to trewþe.

1449 *Rolls of Parl.* V. 150/2 A certain Ordinaunce hath be proclamed, publisshed, and streitly kept in..Brabant.

a1500 (► ?a1450) *Gesta Romanorum* (BL Add. 9066) (1879) 346 Whan this was publisshed [v.r. pubblyshyd], many ordeyned hem fire and watir.

1560 J. Daus tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. xlix<sup>v</sup> Such Ecclesiastical lawes as,..when they be ons published, shalbe obserued.

1587 W. Allen *Copie of Let. conc. Daentrie* 7 Where the warre is wholly, and plainlie vnlawful,..in that case the Prince that published the warre doth principally, and most damnably offend.

1603 in L. B. Taylor *Aberdeen Council Lett.* (1942) l. 94 Full power..to mak prescryve and pubeis actis and constitutiouns.

1656 Earl of Monmouth tr. T. Boccalini *Ragguagli di Parnasso* i. lxiv. 123 Peremptory or pragmatial Laws ought..to be published to the people when they themselves desire them.

1759 W. Robertson *Hist. Scotl.* vii, in *Hist. Wks.* (1813) l. 521 Meanwhile, she commanded the sentence against Mary to be published.

1784 J. White *Bampton Lect.* iii. 141 Augustus..had published very rigorous edicts against the whole race of Præstigiators.

1838 *Times* 18 Sept. 5/1 It had been judged expedient in Jamaica to publish an act passed in February last for the suppression of riots and seditious meetings.

1846 W. F. Hook *Church Dict.* (ed. 5) 590 Constantine the Great published an edict against the Marcionites and other heretics.

1874 J. R. Green *Short Hist. Eng. People* iii. §3. 125 The Charter was published throughout the whole country.

1912 *Catholic Encycl.* XIV. 578/1 In February, 380, he and Gratian published the famous edict that all their subjects should profess the faith of the Bishops of Rome and Alexandria.

1954 W. Kolarz *Peoples of Soviet Far East* vi. 165 The birthday of this Tuvian culture was June 28th, 1930, when the Government published a decree on the introduction of the Tuvian Latin alphabet.

2002 R. Cohen *By Sword* i. iv. 70 His first edict against dueling appeared under his mother's regency in the year of his accession... In all, Louis XIV published ten such edicts.

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**b. transitive.** To announce or read (banns) in church before an intended marriage; (*U.S. regional*, chiefly *north-eastern*) to announce publicly the name of (a person intending marriage). Formerly also *intransitive* in the progressive with passive meaning. Cf. [ask v. 1d](#).

1487–8 in *Prymer* (E.E.T.S.) 170 The Banys where solempnishyd & published betwixt Annes Skerne..and Peres Courteys.

?1571 tr. G. Buchanan *Detectioun Marie Quene of Scottes* sig. Fijj<sup>v</sup> There sche taried with Bothwell, quhile the banes weir publishing.

1651 *Essex Antiquarian (Mass.)* VII. 45 Mr. Phillips of Rowley, having been published, writes to the General Court saying that there is no one [sc. clergyman] to marry him.

1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Matrimony*. Saying after the accustomed manner: I publish the Banns of Marriage between M of —, and N of —.

1678 in *Early Rec. Town of Providence (Rhode Island)* (1894) V. 325 John Whipple junr., and Rebecah Scott widdoe..were published in way of Marriage by a writting fixed upon a publick place in the sayd Towne.

1724 in *Essex Inst. Hist. Coll.* (1900) XXXVI. 332 Mary Flint & Saml. Wainwright published Nov. 29 & married January 27.

1742 H. Fielding *Joseph Andrews* II. iv. ii. 182 It is my Orders..that you publish these Banns no more. [View more context for this quotation](#)

1841 E. Bulwer-Lytton *Night & Morning* i. i The Banns on her side will be published with equal privacy in a church near the Tower.

1886 P. Stapleton *Major's Christmas* 124 Then say you will marry me, and we will be published to-day.

1937 D. L. Sayers *Busman's Honeymoon* xix. 372 I went up about 'aving the banns published.

1975 *Budget (Sugarcreek, Ohio)* 20 Mar. 8/3 Published today in above district were Sam, son of Joe J. Yoders and Mary, daughter of Eli H. Weavers. Their wedding to be Saturday, April 5.

1980 J. A. Hostetler *Amish Society* (ed. 3) ix. 191 Amish courtship is secretive, and the community at large is not informed of an intended wedding until the couple is 'published' in church.

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## 2.

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**a. transitive.** To make public or generally known; to declare or report openly or publicly; to announce; (also) to propagate or disseminate (a creed or system). In later use sometimes passing into sense 3b. Also *figurative*.

- *a1382 Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Bodl. 959) (1959) Gen. xlv. 16 It is yherd & with solempne word puplyschid [L. *vulgatum*] in þe halle of þe kyng.
- a1400* (► *a1325 Cursor Mundi* (Fairf. 14) 24731 (*MED*) Of þe concepcioun of our lauedi, puplist bi an angel on þe see.
- ?*a1400* (► *a1338 R. Mannyng Chron.* (Petyt) (1996) ii. 2191 Þe folk þat ascaped..puplised it fulle wide.
- c1450* (► *a1400 R. Lavynham Treat. Seven Deadly Sins* (Harl. 211) (1956) 23 (*MED*) It is pupplyschyd to vs..be maner of prophecye þt zif englysch men breke þe knotte of wedlok..þat þer schal springe of hem a wickid seed.
- a1500* (► ?*c1450 Merlin* 190 (*MED*) His name ne ought not to [be] hidde, but to be puplissed a-fore eny worthy man.
- 1569 R. Grafton *Chron.* II. 436 When this murder was published, all people cryed vnto God for vengeance.
- 1588 J. Harvey *Discoursiue Probl. conc. Propheties* sig. A<sup>v</sup> The speciall prophesie..notoriously published.
- 1623 J. Webster *Dutchesse of Malfy* §2 v Rogues do not whisper it now, but seek to publish it..Aloud.
- 1662 J. Davies tr. A. Olearius *Voy. & Trav. Ambassadors* 219 At the very moment that the Sun came to the Equator, he publish'd the new year.
- 1729 *Present State & Regulations Church of Russia* ii. 46 The Bishop shall order a Proto Deacon on some Holy Day to publish to the People in the Church these..Words.
- 1782 F. Burney *Cecilia* III. v. x. 115 She now resolved to publish her resolution of going..to St. James's-square.
- 1828 T. De Quincey *New Ess.* (1966) 284 Those associates..who..publish to the world their grim Septembrizing instincts.
- 1851 F. G. Hibbard *Christian Baptism* i. 234 It is evident that our Lord intended to authorize the apostles, not only to publish the gospel and to baptize, but also to plant churches, [etc.].
- 1896 'M. Field' *Attila* iv. 106 Do not publish Your shame, for your own sake.
- 1921 L. Strachey *Queen Victoria* ix. 273 For the Queen, far from making a secret of her affectionate friendship, took care to publish it to the world.
- 1989 *Post-Standard (Syracuse, N.Y.)* (Nexis) 26 Jan. 3 The idea, they say, is not to forcibly convert people, but to 'publish' the word of God so as many people as possible can hear it.
- 1992 P. Theroux *Happy Isles Oceania* xviii. 495 He perseveres in publishing to the world the fact that the French have been continually detonating nuclear devices.
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**b. transitive. Law.** to publish one's will: to execute a will before witnesses.

1480 in S. Tymms *Wills & Inventories Bury St. Edmunds* (1850) 59 Neuer wylling myne seyde mynde, wyll, and intent, so be me published, notified, and declared vpon the seyde ffeoffament, in any maner of wyse to be changyd.

1616 *Will of William Shakespeare* (P.R.O.: PROB. 1/4) (Electronic ed.) And doe Revoke All former wills & publishe this to be my last will & testamt.

1649 in S. Tymms *Wills & Inventories Bury St. Edmunds* (1850) 200 I doe publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

1748 S. Richardson *Clarissa* VII. lxxxvi. 297 I Clarissa Harlowe,..do..make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

1852 D. W. Beadle *Amer. Lawyer & Business-man's Form Bk.* 121 Being of sound mind at the time of making and publishing this my last will and testament, I give and devise all my estate, [etc.].

1929 *Univ. Pennsylvania Law Rev. & Amer. Law Reg.* 77 362 No order of court can require the deceased to emerge from his tomb and execute the will he contracted to publish and declare as his last will and testament.

1990 R. Maxwell Will in *Financial Times* (Nexis) (1992) 19 June 9 I, Robert Maxwell, residing at Headington Hill Hall, Oxford, England, do hereby make, publish and declare this codicil to my last will and testament.

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**c. transitive. Law.** To communicate (a defamatory report, etc.) to a person or persons other than the one defamed; esp. in to publish a libel.

1600 F. Hastings (*title*) An apologie or defence of the watch-word, against the virulent and seditious ward-word published by an English-Spaniard, lurking vnder the title of N.D.

1607 J. Cowell *Interpreter* sig. Rr4<sup>v</sup> A criminous report of any man cast abroad, or otherwise vnlawfully published in writing.

1646 G. Buck *Hist. Life Richard III* 75 Finding it as well guerdonable, as gratefull, to publish their Libels.

1768 W. Blackstone *Comm. Laws Eng.* III. viii. 126 The defendent, on an indictment for publishing a libel, is not allowed to allege the truth of it by way of justification.

1776 E. Gibbon *Decline & Fall* I. xvi. 577 A deacon of that city had published a libel against the emperor.

1814 I. D'Israeli *Quarrels Auth.* II. 207 The Recreant, in silence, was composing the Libel, which his cowardice dared not publish.

1908 *Catholic Encycl.* III. 622/2 As a consequence of this, libels were published in the city against Charles.

1992 S. Johnstone et al. *Legal Context of Teaching* (BNC) 102 The teacher who uses this aid will have to be particularly careful to keep it secret and so not publish any libel to anyone at all.

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**a. transitive.** To prepare and issue copies of (a book, newspaper, piece of music, etc.) for distribution or sale to the public. Also: to prepare and issue the work of (an author). Occasionally *intransitive* in the progressive with passive meaning.

- ▶ a1382 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Bodl. 959) (1963) 1 Chron. Prol. l. 15 Þe mene prouyncis between þese redyn palestynes bookis, þe whiche..eusebe & pamphilie pupplescheden [L. *vulgaverunt*].
- ▶ a1387 J. Trevisa tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1874) V. 147 To þis Marchus, Athanasius..wrete for seventy chapitres, þat were i-publesched [v.rr. *puplisched, publesed*; ?a1475 anon. tr. made *commune*; L. *promulgatis*] in þe Synod Nicena.
- c1475 (▶c1445) R. Pecock *Donet* (1921) 7 (*MED*) He wolde not þat eny of his bokis schulde be publischild bifore his deep.
- 1529 T. More *Dialogue Heresyas* i. Pref., in *Wks.* 106/1 I am now driuen..to this thirde busynes of publishynge and puttyng my boke in printe my selfe.
- 1556 *Charter Stationers Co.* in J. Entick *New Hist. London* (1766) IV. 225 Several seditious and heretical books,..are daily published, stamped and printed by divers..persons.
- 1611 M. Smith in *Bible (King James)* Transl. Pref. 10 He could no sooner write any thing, but presently it was caught from him, and published, and he could not haue leaue to mend it.
- 1631 in tr. J. Ghesel *Rule of Health* (title page) Setforth by Iohn Ghesel, Physitian, borne in Helvetia; written first by him in high Dutch..and now published in English.
- 1662 J. Evelyn *Sculptura* iv. 56 Isabella, who was his wife, publish'd a book of all the sorts of Points, Laces, and Embroideries.
- 1697 *Philos. Trans. 1695–7* (Royal Soc.) 19 352 'Tis full of Sands, making two Channels to Lyn, and as many to Boston, a Chart whereof is now Publishing.
- 1715 J. Addison *Spectator* No. 567. ¶8 In order to outshine all this modern Race of Syncopists,..I intend shortly to publish a Spectator that shall not have a single Vowel in it.
- 1742 H. Fielding *Joseph Andrews* l. i. i. 3 But I pass by these and many others, to mention two Books lately published . [View more context for this quotation](#)
- 1745 *Philos. Trans. 1744–5* (Royal Soc.) 43 188 A Work which is now publishing under the Title of *The Microscopical Theater of Seeds, &c.*
- 1808 S. T. Coleridge *Coll. Lett.* (1959) III. 133 I publish my Greek Accidence, Vocabulary of Greek Terminations..and philosophical Greek Grammar in Spring.
- 1825 E. Darwin *Lett.* 10 Jan. in C. Darwin *Corr.* (1985) I. 11 There is a very beautiful work now publishing which you would like. Griffiths Animal Kingdom in Quarterly parts.
- a1850 W. Wordsworth *Excursion* (rev. ed.) in *Wks.* (1857) VI. (Notes dictated to Miss Fenwick) 3 He published a poem on war, which had a good deal of merit.
- 1937 J. Squire *Honeysuckle & Bee* 203 Lane..seemed to publish almost all the exciting new authors.
- 1952 E. Sackville-West & D. Shawe-Taylor *Record Year* 213 It looks like a re-issue of the recording published by Decca during the war and since deleted.

1971 *Black Scholar* Dec. 23/2 Dr. Ladner is frequently published in professional journals.

1996 *Independent* 3 Jan. 12/3 An article which is sent electronically to the archive is thereby published, and the author is entitled to the benefit of copyright in the same way.

2004 T. Conran in *Japan Times* (Nexis) 20 Oct. I've just done a book which is now publishing, and in it, many of the designers say, 'Oh, no, we are not interested in nationality.'

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**b. transitive.** To make generally accessible or available for acceptance or use (a work of art, information, etc.); to present to or before the public; *spec.* to make public (news, research findings, etc.) through the medium of print or the internet.

1573 G. Gascoigne *Disc. Aduentures Master F. I.* in *Hundreth Sundrie Flowres* 218 A peece of Cockloreus musicke,..such as I might be ashamed to publish in this company.

1588 T. Hariot *Briefe Rep. Virginia* sig. D3i Of al sorts of foule I haue the names in the countrie language..and after wee are better furnished..vpon further discouery, with their strange beastes, fishe, trees, plants, and hearbes, they shall bee also published.

1605 J. Rosier *True Relation Voy. G. Waymouth* sig. E<sup>v</sup> I refer to his owne relation in the Map of his Geographicall description, which for the benefit of others he intendeth most exactly to publish.

1638 F. Junius *Painting of Ancients* 186 The old Artificers..would not have their workes smothered up in some private corners, so were they very careful in publishing them.

1710 R. Steele & J. Addison *Tatler* No. 253. ¶13 The Sequel of the Proceedings of this Day will be published on Tuesday next.

1763 P. Collinson *Let.* 23 Feb. in J. Bartram *Corr.* (1992) 586 If the small Alagator caught at Pittsburgh has a remarkable flatt proboscis—then it is the animal I published in the Magazine.

1824 in *Notes & Queries* 7th Ser. 6 207/1 [A small bust of the Duke of York... On the back are engraved the words] 'Published by T. Hamlet, Aug. 16, 1824'.

1842 W. R. Grove *Correl. Physical Forces* 30 The celebrated Leonard Euler had published a somewhat similar theory.

1931 *Oxf. Mag.* 18 June 888/2 H. R. Hall publishes an Egyptian axe in the British Museum.

1993 *Computer Weekly* 24 June 27/3 To keep this pressure up and create a clean turf war, IBM UK will publish ground rules for internal competition.

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**c. intransitive.** Of an author: to cause to have a book, paper, etc., published; to appear in print.

1745 P. Thomas *True Jrnl. Voy. South-Seas* 10 A certain Honourable Gentleman..is..Endeavouring to make a Monopoly of this Voyage, and to that end designs to publish by Authority.

1798 J. Ferriar *Certain Var. Man* 223 Every man thinks himself entitled to observe and to publish.

1812 J. Jebb Corr. (1834) II. 116 He recommended me to publish. England I have looked to as the proper sphere in which to bring my youngling out.

1931 Frontier (Missoula, Montana) Nov. 82/1 Even should he fail to publish in the big magazines, and never graduate from the 'pulp', he can rise to as much as ten cents a word.

2002 A. N. Wilson Victorians viii. 96 We must presume that the chief reason he chose to publish anonymously was fear of the religious backlash against his book.

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**d. intransitive.** Of a work, serial, or periodical (occasionally an author): to undergo the process of publication, to be published.

1849 Times 13 Aug. 10/2 (*adv.*) Amusement while travelling— Publishing monthly, one shilling each, the Railway Library.

1918 C. S. Lewis Lef. 27 Oct. (1966) 45 He [sc. Heinemann] told me that John Galsworthy (who publishes with them) had seen my MS.

1928 Public Opinion 6 Apr. 325/1 The newspapers do not publish on Good Friday.

1972 Evening Telegram (St. John's, Newfoundland) 24 June 1/1 The Evening Telegram will publish Monday, June 26 which is being observed as Discovery Day in Newfoundland.

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**e. intransitive.** to publish or perish: to publish scholarly work in order to avoid a loss of academic status, respect, or position. Also in *imperative*, used *attributively*.

1934 Geogr. Rev. **24** 180 To Professor Davies is due the organization of the Association of American Geographers in 1904... He immediately urged that the Association 'publish or perish'.

1942 L. Wilson Acad. Man xi. 197 Situational imperatives dictate a 'publish or perish' credo within the ranks.

1975 J. D. Bowen in S. Ohannessian et al. Lang. Surv. Developing Nations iii. 19 Why should a new, small, struggling country devote the time and energy of its officials to the publish-or-perish enterprise of Western academia?

2004 Wall St. Jnl. 2 Jan. (Central ed.) b1/1 Those who scorn the 'publish or perish' principle are the most eager to see their own manuscripts published quickly.

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**a. transitive.** To declare (a person) publicly to be a particular thing, to brand as; (also, without complement) to expose so as to discredit or disgrace. *Obsolete*.

c1384 Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) Matt. i. 19 Joseph forsothe, hir husbond, when he..wolde not pupliche [a1425 L. V.

puplische; L. *traducere*] hir..wolde priuuly forsake hire.  
 ?a1425 (►c1385) G. Chaucer *Troilus & Criseyde* (Harl. 3943) (1883)  
 v. 1095 Hir name allas publissed [v.r. punysshed] is so wide That for  
 hir gilt it ought I-nough suffise.  
 1470 *Rolls of Parl.* VI. 233/2 They have deserved to be puplysshed as  
 fals Traytours.  
 1577 M. Hanmer tr. Bp. Eusebius in *Aunc. Eccl. Hist.* i. iv. 7 Our  
 Sauour..is published by performance of the othe, Christ and Priest.  
 1590 W. Segar *Bk. Honor & Armes* iii. 39 Whosoeuer was knowne to  
 haue offered this sort of Iniurie..were published and proclaimed as  
 persons Infamous.  
 a1616 W. Shakespeare *Winter's Tale* (1623) ii. i. 100 How will this  
 grieue you,..that You thus haue publish'd me? [View more context for  
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 1676 J. Ray *Corr.* (1848) 124 Mr. Oldenburgh hath published him as a  
 considerable author.  
 1733 A. Pope *1st Satire 2nd Bk. Horace Imitated* ii. i. 11 In this  
 impartial Glass, my Muse intends..to..Publish the present Age.  
 1842 *Times* 4 July 6/4 On account of this circumstance the  
 defendants had thought proper to publish him a defaulter.  
 1871 *Scribner's Monthly* June 188 When an individual sinner is to be  
 dealt with, it is no way to bring him to repentance to publish him and his  
 crime in face of the congregation.  
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**b. transitive (reflexive).** To make oneself or itself known or apparent; to  
 declare oneself publicly *to be*. *Obsolete*.

1598 A. M. tr. J. Guillemeau *Frenche Chirurg.* 3/2  
 All..badde..accidents..publishe themselves [Du. *haer..openbaren*; Fr.  
*s'esueillent*] at the full Moone, more then at other times.  
 1599 R. Parsons *Temperate Ward-word* 73 These men dissemble  
 least, but rather do publish themselues, euen to the face and vewe of  
 the magistrate.  
 1640 R. Brathwait *Ar't Asleepe Husband?* 90 But pray you sir, tell me,  
 will you publish your selfe a ninnie to all the world!  
 1729 F. Drake *Speech Worshipful Soc. Free Masons* 33 Others, as  
 Victualers, with a View of having great Resort to their Houses.., publish  
 themselves to be of the Society.  
 ?1800 J. Birch *Cherubical Reason* 125 Also they publish themselves  
 Ministers of the Gospel, which is preaching, prophecying, and swearing  
 falsely in the name of Jesus.  
 1841 R. W. Emerson *Ess.* 1st Ser. (Boston ed.) iv. 127 Human  
 character does evermore publish itself. The most fugitive deed and  
 word..expresses character.  
 1889 'M. Twain' *Connecticut Yankee* xxii. 270 A superstitious despair  
 possessed the heart of every monk and published itself in his ghastly  
 face.  
 1918 'B. MacNamara' *Valley of Squinting Windows* 92 But who was  
 there to see him or know since he did not choose to publish himself in  
 Garradrimna?  
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1529 T. More *Dialogue Heresy* iii. iv. f. lxxiii/2 Yt were peradventure a thyng not conuenient, after those wytnesses publysshed, to brynge proues a fresshe vppon the pryncypall mater.

1647 N. Bacon *Hist. Disc. Govt.* 143 Goods found shall be published by the finder to the neighbourhood.

1658 R. Allestree *Pract. Christian Graces; or, Whole Duty of Man* xiv. §11. 287 While cursed Cham publisht and disclosed the nakedness of their father.

1709–10 R. Steele *Tatler* No. 142. ¶7 [A diamond box] to be published on Monday which will cost Fourscore Guinea's.

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**b. transitive.** To expose or display to public view. Cf. [published adj. 2](#). *Obsolete. rare.*

1839 [implied in: P. J. Bailey *Festus* 120 The published bosom and the crowning smile—The cup excessive. (at [published adj. 2](#))].

1841 *Punch* 20 Nov. 225/1 Having arrived at the Hall, put your rings and chains in your pocket, and, if practicable, publish a pair of spectacles.

1885 W. W. Story *Poems, Eng. Husb. to It. Wife* vii I cannot, like Sarto, publish your face In every Madonna, Sibyl, and Saint.

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1533 J. Bellenden tr. Livy *Hist. Rome* (1901) I. iii. x. 287 Than was ane law made þat mont aventyne sall be publist and dividit amang þe pepill.

1533 J. Bellenden tr. Livy *Hist. Rome* (1903) II. iii. xix. 27 Baith þe gudis of appius claudius and Spu. Oppius war confiscate and publist be þe tribunis.

1560 J. Daus tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. cccclvij His goodes also ought by the ciuile Magistrate to be published.

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†II. Other senses.

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**7. transitive.** To populate (a country, etc.); (*reflexive*) to reproduce, multiply, breed. Cf. [peoplish v.](#) *Obsolete.*

?a1400 (►a1338) R. Mannyng *Chron.* (Petyt) (1996) i. 6386 He wild to Britayn send after men..forto puplise [a1450 *Lamb.* multeplie] þe lond & tile.

?a1425 (►c1380) G. Chaucer tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* iii. pr. xi. 139 How greet is the diligence of nature, for alle thinges renouelen and publysschen [*v.r.* pupllisen; L. *propagentur*] hem with seed ymultiplied.

a1450 (►c1410) H. Lovelich *Hist. Holy Grail* xxxviii. 301 (*MED*) He scholde go into a fer strange londe tho Forto pubplysche [Fr. *peupler*]

that Contre.

1577 E. Hellowes tr. A. de Guevara *Chron.* 193 This temple [of Peace]  
in authoritie was most auncient,..with priests most published, and in  
deuotion most esteemed.

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