

contact

1. ['kɒntækt] *n*

1. **соприкосновение, контакт**
to come in /into/ contact with - а) соприкоснуться; наталкиваться на; установить контакт с; б) **воен.** войти в соприкосновение с
to break contact - **воен.** оторваться от противника [*см. тж.* 9]
to make contact - **воен.** а) войти в соприкосновение (с противником); б) войти в связь; [*см. тж.* 9]
2. **связь, контакт**
diplomatic [cultural] contacts - дипломатические [культурные] связи /контакты/
out of contact - не имея никакой связи, не будучи связанным
3. **соприкосновение, столкновение**
to come into contact with opposing opinions - столкнуться с противоположными мнениями
4. **pl амер.** **отношения, знакомства, связи**
to make useful social contacts - заводить полезные знакомства /связи/ в обществе
5. 1) **лицо, с которым имеются (деловые) связи**
I learned of it from information given to me by one of our contacts - я узнал об этом от лица, с которым мы связаны
- 2) **связник (разведчика)**
6. **передатчик инфекции, бациллоноситель**
7. **разг. см.** contact lens
8. **спец.** касание
9. **спец.** контакт, связь
to make [to break] contact - **эл.** включать [выключать] ток [*см. тж.* 1]
10. **хим.** катализатор

2. ['kɒntækt] *a*

1. **контактный**
contact mine - **воен.** а) самовзрывной фугас; б) контактная мина; ударная мина
contact rail - **ж.-д.** контактный рельс, третий рельс
contact print - **фото** контактная печать
contact paper - фотобумага для контактной печати
2. **ав.** **визуальный**
contact flight - полёт с визуальной ориентировкой, полёт по наземным ориентирам
contact mission - самолёто-вылет для визуальной разведки
contact light - посадочный аэродромный огонь

3. ['kɒntækt] *adv ав.*

- визуально**
to fly contact - летать с визуальной ориентировкой

4. ['kɒntækt, kən'tækt] *v*

1. **быть в контакте, в соприкосновении; (со)прикоснуться**
2. 1) **войти в контакт, в соприкосновение**
- 2) **приводить в контакт, в соприкосновение**
3. 1) **устанавливать связь (по телефону, телеграфу)**
- 2) **связаться**
he succeeded in contacting the secretary - ему удалось связаться с секретарём
for full information contact your travel agency - за получением подробных сведений обращайтесь в бюро путешествий
4. **разг.**
- 1) **установить деловые связи**
to contact an organization - связаться с организацией
- 2) **завести связи, знакомства в обществе**
5. **эл., ав.** **включать**

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con-tact AW [**contact contacts contacted contacting**] **noun, verb** BrE ['kɒntækt]

" **NAmE** ['kɑntækt] "

noun

ACT OF COMMUNICATING

1. **uncountable ~ (with sb) | ~ (between A and B)** the act of communicating with sb, especially regularly
 - I don't have much contact with my uncle.
 - There is little contact between the two organizations.
 - Have you kept **in contact with** any of your friends from college (= do you still see them or speak or write to them) ?
 - She's **lost contact with** (= no longer sees or writes to) her son.
 - I finally **made contact with** (= succeeded in speaking to or meeting) her in Paris.
 - The organization **put me in contact with** other people in a similar position (= gave me their addresses or telephone numbers) .
 - two people avoiding **eye contact** (= avoiding looking directly at each other)
 - Here's my **contact number** (= temporary telephone number) while I'm away.
 - I'll give you my **contact details** (= telephone number, email address, etc.) .

TOUCHING SB/STH

2. **uncountable** the state of touching sth
 - His fingers were briefly **in contact with** the ball.

- This substance should not **come into contact with** food.
- a fear of physical contact
- She blushed at the sudden contact of his hand against her arm.
- This pesticide kills insects **on contact** (= as soon as it touches them) .
- This chemical is liable to explode on contact with water.

MEETING SB/STH

3. **uncountable** the state of meeting sb or having to deal with sth
- In her job she often **comes into contact with** (= meets) lawyers.
 - Children should be **brought into contact with** poetry at an early age.

RELATIONSHIP

4. **countable, usually plural** an occasion on which you meet or communicate with sb; a relationship with sb
- We have good contacts with the local community.
 - The company has maintained trade contacts with India.

PERSON

5. **countable** a person that you know, especially sb who can be helpful to you in your work
- **social/personal contacts**
 - I've made some useful contacts in journalism.
 - She has several contacts in New York.

ELECTRICAL

6. **countable** an electrical connection
- The switches close the contacts and complete the circuit.

FOR EYES

7. **contacts plural (informal) = contact lenses**
see also ↑contact lens

MEDICAL

8. **countable** a person who may be infectious because he or she has recently been near to sb with a ↑contagious disease
see point of contact **at** ↑point _{n.}

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from Latin **contactus**, from **contact-** 'touched, grasped, bordered on', from the verb **contingere**, from **con-** 'together with' + **tangere** 'to touch'.

Thesaurus:

contact noun

1. U

- He doesn't have much contact with his son.

communication • • **dealings** • |formal **correspondence** •
 contact/communication/dealings/correspondence **with** sb
 contact/communication/dealings/correspondence **between** people
be in contact/communication/correspondence (with sb)
have contact/dealings with sb

2. C

- He has several contacts in Paris.

associate • • **colleague** • • **partner** • • **ally** •
 a **business** contact/associate/colleague/partner/ally
 a **political** contact/associate/colleague/ally
 a **new/close** contact/associate/colleague/partner/ally

Example Bank:

- For a brief moment their lips were in contact.
- Have you had any direct contact with the director of the company?
- He has a lot of good contacts in the music industry.
- He never makes eye contact with me.
- He used his contacts to get his son a publishing job.
- I have very little contact with Simon now.
- I made a lot of useful business contacts at the conference.
- I put my cousin in contact with a friend who works at the company.
- In his job he comes into contact with many different people.
- It takes time to build up contacts.
- Let's try to stay in contact!
- Maintaining contact after many years can be difficult.
- She is still in close contact with Sarah.
- She was deprived of all human contact for three weeks.

- The disease is transmitted through physical contact.
- The light will go out on contact with water.
- There has been no contact between them for several years.
- There should be no contact between the separate samples.
- We first established contact with the organization in 1999.
- When I arrive Delhi I'll get in contact with him.
- Children should be brought into contact with poetry at an early age.
- Have you kept in contact with any of your friends from college?
- He carefully avoided eye contact.
- Here's my contact number while I'm away.
- I don't have much contact with my uncle.
- I finally made contact with her in Paris.
- I've made some useful contacts in journalism.
- In her job she often comes into contact with lawyers.
- She's lost contact with her son.
- The organization put me in contact with other people in a similar position.
- You should make contact with them by email before you call.

Derived Word †contactable

verb ~ sb

to communicate with sb, for example by telephone or letter

- I've been trying to contact you all day.
- Witnesses to the accident are asked to contact the police.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	contact
	BrE / 'kɒntækt/
	NAme / 'kɒntækt/
he / she / it	contacts
	BrE / 'kɒntæktz/
	NAme / 'kɒntæktz/
past simple, past participle	contacted
	BrE / 'kɒntæktɪd/
	NAme / 'kɒntæktɪd/
-ing form	contacting
	BrE / 'kɒntæktɪŋ/
	NAme / 'kɒntæktɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He can be contacted by phone on the number given below.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
- I've been trying to contact you all day.

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I. **contact**¹ **S2 W2 AC** /'kɒntækt \$ 'kɑn- BrE^m AmE^m noun

[Word Family: adjective: †contact, †contactable; verb: †contact; noun: †contact]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: Latin **contactus**, from the past participle of **contingere**; ⇔ †contingent¹]

1. COMMUNICATION [uncountable] communication with a person, organization, country etc

contact with/between

- There is very little contact between the two tribes.
- Many of us have no direct contact with elderly people.

in contact

- We stay in contact by email.
- The town is cut off from contact with the outside world.

2. TOUCH [uncountable] when two people or things touch each other

contact with/between

- Children need physical contact with a caring adult.
- The disease spreads by sexual contact between infected animals.

in contact with something

- For a second, his hand was in contact with mine.
- When water comes into contact with air, carbon dioxide is released.

on contact (with something)

- The bomb exploded on contact (=at the moment it touched something).

3. EXPERIENCE [uncountable] when you meet someone or experience a particular kind of thing:

- Everyone who came into contact with Di felt better for knowing her.
- Pat's job brings her into contact with the problems people face when they retire.

4. **PERSON** [countable usually plural] a person you know who may be able to help or advise you:

- He has a lot of contacts in the media.
- a worldwide network of contacts

business/personal contacts

5. **contacts** [plural] a situation in which you can communicate easily with a group, country etc

contacts with/between

- We have good contacts with the local community.
- He goes to great lengths to maintain these contacts.
- the establishment of diplomatic contacts

6. **point of contact**

a) a place you go to or a person you meet when you ask an organization for help

first/initial point of contact

- Primary health care teams are the first point of contact for users of the service.

b) a way in which two different things are related:

- finding a point of contact between theory and practice

c) the part of something where another thing touches it:

- The sting causes swelling at the point of contact.

7. **ELECTRICAL** [countable] an electrical part that completes a [↑]circuit when it touches another part

8. **EYES** [countable] *informal* a contact lens

⇒ **eye contact** at [↑]eye¹(5)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- have contact with somebody** I haven't had any contact with her for at least two years.
- be in contact** (=have regular communication) He's been in contact with his lawyer about the situation.
- get in contact** (=manage to communicate) Where can I get in contact with you while you are away?
- stay/keep in contact** (also **maintain contact formal**) We've stayed in contact since we met on holiday.
- lose contact** (=no longer see someone or hear from them) She went to live in Australia and I lost contact with her.
- make contact** We'd like to make contact with other schools in the area.
- put somebody in contact with somebody** (=give someone the name, telephone number etc of another person) I can put you in contact with a friend of mine in Paris.
- come into contact with somebody** (=meet or spend time with somebody) It's good to come into contact with people from different cultures.
- bring somebody into contact with somebody** The job brought me into contact with a lot of interesting people.
- establish contact** The police are trying to establish contact with the kidnappers.
- avoid contact** She doesn't give interviews and avoids contact with the media.
- sever contact with somebody** (=refuse to have any contact with someone) After the divorce, she severed all contact with her husband.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + contact

- direct contact** (=spending time with somebody) Our volunteers work in direct contact with people who need help.
- close contact** (=communicating with somebody often) I like to stay in close contact with my parents.
- personal contact** (=seeing and speaking to somebody personally) She never comes into personal contact with senior managers.
- social/human contact** (=spending time with other people) He lived alone and had little human contact.
- regular contact** All students have regular contact with their tutor.
- day-to-day/daily contact** I like my job because it involves day-to-day contact with clients.
- face-to-face contact** (=talking to someone who is with you) Certain types of jobs do not need face-to-face contact.
- one-to-one contact** (=being with only one other person) Children with learning difficulties may need one-to-one contact.
- radio contact** (=communication by radio) Air traffic control had lost radio contact with the pilot.

II. **contact**² **S2 W2 AC BrE** ^{AmE} **verb** [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: [↑]contact, [↑]contactable; verb: [↑]contact; noun: [↑]contact]

to write to or telephone someone:

- Give the names of two people who can be contacted in an emergency.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

—**contactable** *adjective* [not before noun]:

- A mobile phone makes you contactable wherever you are.

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REGISTER

In everyday English, people often say **get in touch with** someone rather than **contact** someone:

- Is there a number where I can get in touch with you?

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THESAURUS

- communicate** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] to exchange information or have a conversation with someone, by telephone, letter etc, or by seeing them: Now that we live in different cities, we communicate by e-mail. | He is able to communicate using a special keyboard, which is connected to a computer. | This message is not being communicated to staff.
- contact** *verb* [transitive] to write to, phone, or email someone especially for the first time, in order to give or ask for information: Neighbours contacted police after seeing a man with a gun. | She refused to comment when contacted by reporters from the local newspaper.
- get in touch (with somebody)** to write to, telephone, or email someone, especially someone who you do not see very often: I

really ought to get in touch with Paula. It's been months since we last spoke. | You've got my phone number if you need to get in touch.

▪ **get hold of somebody** to succeed in contacting someone by telephone after trying several times: Where have you been? I've been trying to get hold of you all week. | It's no use trying to phone Linda at work – she's impossible to get hold of.

▪ **approach** *verb* [transitive] to contact someone that you do not know or have not contacted before, in order to offer them something or ask them for something: He has already been approached by several professional football teams. | The company confirmed that it had been approached about a merger.

III. **contact**³ **AC** *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *adjective* [only before noun]

[Word Family: *adjective*: ↑contact, ↑contactable; *verb*: ↑contact; *noun*: ↑contact]

1. **contact number/address/details** a telephone number or address where someone can be found if necessary:

▪ If you are babysitting, make sure you have a contact number for the parents.

2. **contact explosives or chemicals** become active when they touch something:

▪ contact poisons

contact

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RANGE: **1k** CONTACT⁴⁴¹⁷²

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