

History of the English Language

Deciphering Dictionary Entries

preach

[**ME** *prechen*, fr. **OF** *prechier*, fr. **LL** *praedicare* fr. **L**, to proclaim publicly] (**13c**)

1 to deliver a sermon 2 to urge acceptance or abandonment of an idea or course of action

Information for Dictionary Search Chart

Modern Definition:	to deliver a sermon
Historical Period:	13th century (1200-1300)
Original English:	Middle English (prechen)
Loaning Language:	Old French
Original Language:	Latin (praedicare, to proclaim publicly)
Umbrella Concept:	religion

Abbreviations:

Ar	Arabic	LL	Late Latin	OF	Old French
Celt	Celtic	ME	Middle English	OHG	Old High German
Gael	Gaelic	MF	Middle French	ON	Old Norse
Gk	Greek	NL	New Latin	OS	Old Saxon
L	Latin	OE	Old English	W	Welsh

*NOTE: Other abbreviations on pages 40-41 in the dictionary.