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receive, *v.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /rɪ'si:v/ , U.S. /rə'siv/ , /ri'siv/

Forms: ...

Etymology: < Anglo-Norman *receiver*, *receivre*, *recever*, *recevre*, *reseivre*, *ressaiver*, ...

I. To admit or accept (a person or thing).

1. trans.

a. To accept (something) as an authority, rule, or practice; to admit the truth or validity of. Cf. RECEIVED *adj.* 1. Now chiefly in religious contexts.

- 1318 *Acts Parl. Scotl.* (1844) I. 108/2 Sua that suilk essonzie be resavit in court..in presens of the essonzeouris.
- c1384 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds xvi. 21 These men..schewen a custom, the which it is not leueful to vs for to receyue [L. *suscipere*].
- a1450 (▸ a1397) *Prol. Old Test.* (Harl. 1666) in *Bible (Wycliffite, L.V.)* (1850) 2 Holy chirche resceyueth not siche bookis.
- 1482 CAXTON *Trevisa's Higden* v. xiv. 250 b, But he plesyd her and other that had resseyued his lawe in this maner [etc.].
- 1513 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* v. x. 99 And mychty Rome syne eftir mony ane day Sik ois rasavit has.
- 1589 G. PUTTENHAM *Arte Eng. Poesie* III. xxii. 211 This word *egar* is as much to say as to wander or stray out of the way, which in our English is not received.
- 1626 BACON *Sylua Syluarum* §104 This Computation of Eight, is a thing rather received, than any true Computation.
- 1652 M. NEDHAM tr. J. Selden *Of Dominion of Sea* 21 This appear's plain in the Imperial Law; nor do wee know of any Nation where it is not received.
- 1709 G. BERKELEY *Ess. New Theory of Vision* §131. 152 An Axiom universally receiv'd.
- 1790 W. PALEY *Horæ Paulinæ* in *Wks.* (1825) III. 263 These books were not only received from the beginning, but received with the greatest respect.
- 1867 J. A. FROUDE *Short Stud.* II. 17 It is a gratuitous impertinence to quarrel with the proofs of a conclusion which it is so desirable that all should receive.
- 1884 D. HUNTER tr. E. Reuss *Hist. Canon* xvii. 349 The duty of approving and receiving Scripture.
- 1919 I. T. BECKWITH *Apocalypse of John* 82 It may be questioned whether as a historical fact the essence of a single fundamental truth was received by the Hebrews in this way.
- 1999 A. E. MCGRATH *Reformation Thought* (ed. 3) 152 There was a consensus that Scripture was to be received as if it were God himself speaking.

†**b. To give credit to; to believe.** Also *intr.* *Obs.*

- c1384 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Matt. xi. 14 ʒif ʒe wolen resseyuen [L. *recipere*], he

is Ely that is to cume.

- 1538 R. TAVERNER tr. Erasmus Sarcerius *Common Places of Script.* f. cxcii, To sclaundre the true gopell, & to receyue false opinions.
- 1581 J. BELL tr. W. Haddon & J. Foxe *Against Jerome Osorius* 68 Of opinion that your bare braules, shalbe received as infallible truthes.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Twelfth Night* (1623) III. iv. 189, I will..driue the Gentleman (as I know his youth will aptly receive it) into a most hideous opinion [etc.].
- 1692 G. BURNET *Serm.* 22, I form..too bright an Idea to be easily received by such as did not know him.
- 1704 C. MARSHALL *Sion's Travellers Comforted* 133 Sorrow comes on many daily, who have received false Reports of an innocent People.
- 1785 W. COWPER *Task* v. 855 They..speak in ears That hear not or receive not their report.
- 1868 R. BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* II. VI. 249 This stupid lie, Its liar never dared propound in Rome, He gets Arezzo to receive.

c. To give assent to, to pass (a law). Now chiefly *hist.*

- a1538 T. STARKEY *Dial. Pole & Lupset* (1989) 11 Lawys..receyvvd & stablyschyd for the mayntenaunce..of vertue.
- 1686 F. PHILIPPS *Investigatio Jurium Antiquorum* xxix. 576 The Speaker of the House of Commons presented a Bill on the behalf of Thomas Brooke against William Widecombe;..which Bill was received, and the said William Widecombe was notwithstanding bound in a 1000 pound to hear his Judgment in Chancery.
- 1757 tr. Abbé Reynal *Short View Hist. Eng.* VIII. 228 The Bill of exclusion was prepared, and immediately received by the Commons, and afterwards carried up to the Lords.
- 1888 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* (new ed.) I. IV. 471 The greatest invitation to the House of Commons so irregularly to receive [1702 Revive] that bill to remove the bishops.
- 1932 H. L. GRAY *Infl. Commons on Early Legislation* x. 346 The bills 'pur especials persones' were..group bills; and such had long been received by the commons.
- 2005 D. F. MCKENZIE & M. BELL *Chronol. & Cal. Documents London Bk. Trade* III. 216 The Bill was received by the Lords the following day.

2. *trans.*

a. To take or accept (a person) in some capacity or relationship. With *as* (also †*for*, †*to*, †*to be*) or with simple predicate.

to receive in marriage= *to take in marriage* at MARRIAGE *n.* 1b.

- c1330 *Horn Child* 266 in J. Hall *King Horn* (1901) 182 (MED), Houlac king was wel hende, Ressauiud hem niȝen..Her maister for to be.
- † a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) III. 2709 (MED), As for my Sone and for myn Eir I thee receive.
- c1450 († ?a1400) *Wars Alexander* (Ashm.) 3478 (MED), Alexander..Resayued to his riche quene Rosan his doȝtir.
- 1513 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* XIII. vii. 79, I the ressaue..As son in law and successour to me.
- 1533 J. BELLENDEN tr. Livy *Hist. Rome* IV. ii, Oure progenitouris contempnit nocht strangearis, bot

ressauit þame to be kingis.

- 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. F. L. de Castanheda *1st Bk. Hist. Discoverie E. Indias* I. vii. 16 b, One of the Moores, which was receiued for Pilot.
- 1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 219 Conran receaueng in mariage Ada the sister of Ambrose.
- 1644 *Shetland Witch Trial* in S. Hibbert *Descr. Shetland Island* (1822) 602 The Assyze being recavit, sworn and admittit.
- 1654 E. WOLLEY tr. G. de Scudéry *Curia Politix* 79 He was chearfully received Generall to that victorious Army.
- 1671 MILTON *Samson Agonistes* 883 Why then Didst thou at first rec[e]ive me for thy husband?
- 1747 *Minutes Grand Comm. St. Thomas's Hosp.* (MS.) July, An application was made to this Committee to receive a young man as 'Pupil or Dresser' in the Hospital.
- 1769 F. BROOKE *Hist. Emily Montague* IV. cxxix. 70 Tell her..that I will receive her as my guardian angel.
- 1835 O. PRATT in *Utah Gen. & Hist. Mag.* (1938) 29 34, I baptized Sarah Marinda Bates, near Sacketts Harbor, whom I received in marriage upwards of one year after.
- 1855 E. B. PUSEY *Doctr. Real Presence* Note S. 84 We may receive the good Lord as our indweller.
- 1903 A. C. PLOWDEN *Grain of Chaff?* ii. 19, I was consigned to the care of a clergyman in Yorkshire, who had a small school and received a certain number of Indian children as boarders.
- 1998 *Sunday Tel.* 25 Jan. (Review section) 1/1 In my hand I clutched an envelope containing my diplomatic credentials, in which the President asks the Queen to receive me as his representative.

†b. To admit (a person) to plead or give evidence. *Obs.*

- 1503–4 *Act 19 Hen. VII* c. 14 §6 Every such infourmour..shalbe receyved to sue vppon the seid matter by informacion.
- 1533 T. MORE *Apologye* xli. f. 228^v, Why shold we fynde so greate a fawte, that suche wytnesse sholde be receyued in a cause of heresy, as are receyued not onely in a cause of treason, but of murder also?
- 1607 J. COWELL *Interpreter* sig. Lll2^v/2, He in the reuersion commeth in, and prayeth to be receiued to defend the land, and to plead with the Demandant.
- 1647 LD. CLARENDON *Hist. Rebellion* IV. §130 The law was clear that less than two witnesses ought not [to] be received in case of treason.
- 1717 W. NELSON *Law Evid.* viii. 149 Several Witnesses were received and allowed, to prove that William Maynard did at several Times discourse and declare the same Things..that he testified now.
- 1795 C. RUNNINGTON *Hist. Legal Remedy by Ejectment* 378 In no case, not even in that of a settlement, can a wife be received to give evidence, tending to criminate her husband.

3. *trans.* To admit to a place; *esp.* to give accommodation or shelter to; to harbour.

a. With personal object and *in* (also *into*, *within*) (a house, city, one's arms, etc.).

- a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Bodl. 959) (1963) Judges xix. 15 When þei entrydyn þei setyn in þe strete of þe citee & no man hem wolde resceyuy in hous [a1425 *L.V.* resseyue..to herbore; *L. recipere..hospitio*].
- a1425 WYCLIF *Sel. Eng. Wks.* (1869) I. 22 Opir tenauntis of þe lord shall resceyve me into þere housis.

- c1475 tr. C. de Pisan *Livre du Corps de Policie* (Cambr.) (1977) 158 (MED), He..prayed them that they wolde receyue him in to their citee.
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) John vi. 21 Then wolde they have received hym into the shippe.
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. cccliij, The Senate refused to make surrender or to receiue a power into the citee.
- 1617 F. MORYSON *Itinerary* I. 20 Another gate..by which passengers are receiued into the City by night.
- a1640 P. MASSINGER *City-Madam* (1658) III. sig. G3^v, Receive these Indians, lately sent him from Virginia, into your house.
- 1713 J. ADDISON *Cato* I. ii, To-morrow should we thus express our friendship, Each might receive a slave into his arms.
- 1775 J. ASH *New & Compl. Dict. Eng. Lang.*, *Snuggle*, to receive into the bosom, to receive into a snug place.
- 1805 SCOTT *Lay of Last Minstrel* IV. xxi. 112 Either receive within thy towers Two hundred of my master's powers, Or [etc.].
- 1899 T. C. ALLBUTT et al. *Syst. Med.* VIII. 430 The Reception Order of a justice is sufficient authority to take the patient to, and to receive him in an asylum, or to detain him there if he has already been removed on an Urgency Order.
- 1920 D. H. LAWRENCE *Women in Love* xxvii. 411 The passion of gratitude with which he received her into his soul..could never be understood by her.
- 2003 E. POWELL tr. S. Jamal *Arabian Flavours* 205 Every woman has permission, or the right, to receive her friends into the house, one day a month.

b. Without prepositional phrase. Also *intr.*

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds xxviii. 7 Puplius..the which resceyuyng [L. *suscipiens*] vs thre dayes benygnely..fond vs.
- a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) VIII. 1287 (MED), To his In..He goth him straght and was receiued.
- ?a1425 (▸ c1400) *Mandeville's Trav.* (Titus C.xvi) (1919) 43 (MED), Men resceyued þere all manere of fugityfes of oþer places for here euyl dedes.
- a1450 (▸ a1338) R. MANNING *Chron.* (Lamb.) (1887) I. 2252 (MED), Byside þe baþe a temple he dight..þe folk to receyue & to serue.
- 1565 T. COOPER *Thesaurus at Occultator*, A place meete to receyue and hide theeues in.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 2* II. iv. 91 Take heede what ghests you receiue, receiue (sais he) no swaggering companions.
- 1640 in J. Nicholson *Minute Bk. War Comm. Covenanters Kirkcudbright* 24 Sept. (1855) 53 Nae hostler, heritor or yeoman..shall ressaive any such maisterless or idle man.
- 1705 J. ADDISON *Remarks Italy* 8 It..drove out the Spanish Garrison, and receiv'd a French one.
- 1757 A. R. *Curiosities of Paris* iv. 62 General Hospital, is a small Distance from the City... They receive all Kinds of Patients upon Application, such as Women with Child, Foundlings, Orphans, and Lunatics.
- 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 165/2 A married woman also shall not be liable to conviction for receiving her husband.
- 1859 TENNYSON *Guinevere* 140 in *Idylls of King*, O peaceful Sisterhood, Receive, and yield me sanctuary.
- 1932 T. E. LAWRENCE tr. Homer *Odyssey* XIII, I made for a Phoenician ship and laid suit to its grave masters, paying them liberally from my war-spoil to receive me aboard and set me down either at

Pylos or in Elis the Epean headquarters.

1990 *Opera Now* May 22/2 For deservedly expensive table linens, Giorgio Calligaris..receives by appointment, while Loretta Caponi in the Borgo Ognissanti caters to the bed and boudoir.

c. With non-personal object and adverbial complement.

1533 T. PAYNELL tr. U. von Hutten *De Morbo Gallico* sig. C8^v, Medicines receyued into the body, whan they had ben kept in the lower partis, were driuen back again into the heed.

1545 *Reg. Privy Council Scotl.* I. 10 The said pryse of Portingal takin be the saidis Franchemen may be ressavit in this realm.

1551 R. ROBINSON tr. T. More *Vtopia* sig. Gv^v, A large & wyde sea, which..receaueth in shyppes towardes euery parte of the lande.

1647 J. HALL *Poems* I. 65 What dost thou thinke I can retaine All this and sprout it out againe? As a surcharged Whale doth spew Old Rivers to receive in new.

1658 J. EVELYN tr. N. de Bonnefons *French Gardiner* 284 Let them lie..in the Sun to mortifie them a little, that they may the better receive in the Salt.

1714 tr. *French Bk. of Rates* 191 No Bleechers shall receive into their Bleecheries any Linens which are not so mark'd.

1781 JOHNSON *Watts in Pref. Wks. Eng. Poets* VIII. 17 His Logick has been received into the universities.

1896 W. H. HUTTON *Philip Augustus* v. 116 The bishop of Limoges did homage..and his see was received into the king's direct domain.

1969 R. RENEHAN *Greek Textual Crit.* 27 As the rarer verb, it is a *lectio difficilior* and should be received into the text here.

1994 *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch* 26 Dec. A18/2 How many imports, by dollar volume, do we receive into our state, and how many man-hours does it require to produce those?

4. trans.

a. To admit (a person or thing) *to* (also *into*, *in*, etc.) a state, condition, privilege, occupation, etc. (Now only in sense 4b.)

▸ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Mark v. 37 He resceyuede [a1425 *L.V.* took; *L. admisit*] not ony man to sue him, no but Petre and James and John.

a1425 *Ordination of Nuns* (Lansd.) in E. A. Kock *Rule St. Benet* (1902) 141 (*MED*), This is þe furme how A Nouice sall be made & resaiuid to religiun.

c1450 (▸ c1370) CHAUCER *A.B.C.* (Fairf. 16) (1878) l. 35 Herebefore ful often Vn-to mercy hastow receyved me.

1487 (▸ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) x. 127 He resautit him till his pes.

1487 (▸ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) ix. 523 The chiftanis in hy can ta Thair way to buttill, for till be Resautit in-to gude savite.

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) *Psalms* lxxii[i]. 24 Thou ledest me with thy councel, and afterwarde receauest me vnto glory.

1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 314 The king forgyues him, and receaues him in his fauour.

a1648 LD. HERBERT *Life Henry VIII* (1649) 371* We..do crave to be received and adopted into the same

Lawes and Priviledges which your other Subjects enjoy.

- 1662 E. STILLINGFLEET *Origines Sacrae* Ded., The greatest ambition of the Author of it, is, to have it received into your Patronage and Protection.
- 1702 C. MATHER *Magnalia Christi* III. I. iv. 55/2 Those who are betruſted to receive Men unto Ordinances in Churches.
- 1791 J. BOSWELL *Life Johnson* anno 1784 II. 579 [Johnson] Receive me, at my death, to everlasting happiness.
- 1864 M. E. BRADDON *Henry Dunbar* II. 211 A lady whom she used to receive to music lessons.

b. spec. To admit (a person) to membership of a society, class, organization, etc. Usu. with *into*; also with †*among*.

In later use esp. with reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

- 1389 in T. Smith & L. T. Smith *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 21 (MED), No brother ne sister ſhal be reſceyued into yis gilde bot by ye Alderman and xii bretheren of ye gilde.
- a1450 *Rule St. Benet* (Vesp.) (1902) 2201 Fro time þai reſauyd be, All ſalbe ſarued in o degre.
- 1533 J. BELLENDEN tr. Livy *Hist. Rome* IV. ii, Haue we nocht reſſauit ſindri of the houſe of Claudius..amang þe nowmer of patricianis?
- 1549 H. LATIMER *2nd Serm. before Kynges Maiestie* 5th Serm. ſig. Pii, They that wyl not for the offyce ſake receyue other, regarde more the fleſe then the flocke.
- 1640 in W. Stevenson *Presbyterie Bk. Kirkcaldie* (1900) 159 Being frequientlie conuened, the bailies and elders of the ſaid burgh reſaved Mr. Andro verie willinglie.
- 1679 tr. *Hist. Jetzer* 2 He intreated the Fathers..to Receive him into their Covent.
- 1724 D. WATERLAND *Crit. Hist. Athanasian Creed* vi. 89 One may..infer, that This Creed was not received into the Roman Offices ſo early as the year 809.
- 1742 in J. O. Payne *Old Eng. Catholic Missions* (1889) 28, Dec. 15. I received into the Church Margarite Stabler of Thornton, wife of Will. Stabler.
- 1843 *Baptist Reporter* Jan. 48 Forty-five perſons have been received by immersion into the church.
- 1894 J. S. FORSYTH *Forms of Service Church of Scotl.* 42 Your brethren in office will receive you into the Kirk-Session by giving you the right hand of fellowſhip.
- 1933 A. WHITE *Frost in May* i. 8 I'm a convert... I was only received into the Church a year ago.
- 1965 in W. Schneemelcher *New Test. Apocr.* II. xi. 77 The apoſtolic ſecret tradition..is acceſſible..to all thoſe who have been received into the church..as full Chriſtians.
- 1986 E. LONGFORD *Pebbled Shore* (1988) xiii. 196 Father Wulfſtan was ready to receive him into the Catholic Church.
- 2004 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 17 Dec. 19/3 His father, Isaac d'Israeli,..had his four children received into the Anglican Church when Diſraeli was twelve.

5. trans.

a. To take, accept, regard, hear, etc. (something offered or presented, or to which attention is given) in a ſpecified manner or with a ſpecified expreſſion of feeling; to accord ſuch a reception.

- a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) VII. 2319 (MED), Theſſamplerie Of Arisippe is wel received,

And thilke of Diogene is weyved.

- a1500 (▶ 1422) J. YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Rawl.) (1898) 172 (MED), He toke not to hevynesse the damagis that hym befell, but..ham rescewyth lyghtly.
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. xvj. His bokes are ioyfullye receiued and red of good and well learned men.
- 1604 SHAKESPEARE *Hamlet* II. ii. 130 But how hath she receiu'd his loue?
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* XII. 503 Thus they win Great numbers of each Nation to receive With joy the tidings brought from Heav'n.
- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. IV. 287 This, tho' a known Truth to any, who knew any thing of the Law, was received with Noise and Clamour.
- 1815 H. H. BRACKENRIDGE *Mod. Chivalry* (rev. ed.) I. II. i. 47 Persons who either took or pretended to take, some interest in my affairs, have urged me very much to depart a little from my usual way, and make use of a little irony;..for, in this case, it would be received better, and procure more readers.
- 1874 J. R. GREEN *Short Hist. Eng. People* ii. §8. 105 The brutal murder was received with a thrill of horror throughout Christendom.
- a1902 S. BUTLER *Way of All Flesh* (1903) xlvi. 208 The essay..created quite a sensation, and on the whole was well received.
- 1951 W. LEWIS *Rotting Hill* i. 2 He would have insisted upon holding divine service anglo-catholicly for English passengers, with a parade of Roman formularies, which..would not have been well received.
- 1991 *Times Educ. Suppl.* 15 Mar. 24/4 Jargon is severely discouraged, as are acronyms. My use of the term 'interpersonal skills' was received with frosty amusement.

b. To take, accept, or understand (a thing) to be, regard or interpret as.

With *as*, †*for*.

- c1400 (▶ c1378) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Laud 581) (1869) B. xv. 502 (MED), Now is routhe to rede how þe red noble Is reuerenced or þe Rode, receyued for þe worthier Pan crystes crosse.
- ▶ ?a1513 W. DUNBAR *Poems* (1998) 103 Man may in his lady tak sic delyt..And for his hevin rassaif hir cullour quhyt.
- 1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1895) II. 259 This he for a takne ressaiuet and sygne, that the end of his lyfe was at hande.
- 1623 SHAKESPEARE & J. FLETCHER *Henry VIII* II. i. 126 This from a dying man receiue as certaine.
- 1671 MILTON *Samson Agonistes* 473 These words I as a Prophecy receive.
- 1710 R. STEELE *Tatler* No. 187. ¶1 The Doctrine is received amongst you as Orthodox.
- 1765 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* I. Introd. iii. 81 Which Theodosian code was the only book of civil law received as authentic in the western part of Europe till many centuries after.
- a1817 J. AUSTEN *Persuasion* (1818) III. iv. 58 He thought it a very degrading alliance; and Lady Russell..received it as a most unfortunate one.
- 1835 J. WATERWORTH *Exam. Princ. Protestantism* 95 Did this unrivalled Biblist acknowledge any writings as divine, which the Jews did not receive as canonical?
- 1861 *Vanity Fair* (N.Y.) 20 Apr. 185/2 The sufferings of Mr. Bennett..would scarcely be received as an excuse..for a non-issue of the *Herald*.
- 1931 *Fortune* Aug. 52/1 The long pipe line was received as the seven-league boots of the industry.
- 1984 K. CHASE *Eros & Psyche* Introd. 3 What the Victorians offer as reasons, we receive as rationalizations.

2006 *Time Out N.Y.* 13 July 109/4 Haneke's dour blast is commonly received as the conclusion of a 'trilogy of glaciation' (in the director's own words).

II. spec. To admit or accept (a person) into one's company; to meet, welcome.

6. trans. To meet, welcome or greet (a person) in a specified manner.

- c1330 (▶ ?a1300) *Arthur & Merlin* (Auch.) (1973) 3376 (MED), Al, þat euer wald þider gon, Curteyseliche were ressauied anon.
- c1405 (▶ c1390) CHAUCER *Man of Law's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 298 The moder of the Sowdan..Receyueth hire with also glad a cheere.
- 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* (1482) ccxliii. 287 Our kynge with al his lordes goodly and worshipfully hym reseyuied and welcomed hym.
- 1489 (▶ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (Adv.) II. 163 He resawyt him in gret daynte.
- c1540 (▶ ?a1400) *Gest Historiale Destr. Troy* 5297 Po prise men two Wentte with þat worthy vnto his won riche, Receyuit with reuerence & renke of astate.
- 1585 R. GRENVILLE *Voy. Made in R. Hakluyt Principal Navigations* XIII. 296 At the landing of our Generall, the Spanish Gouvernour receiued him very courteously, and the Spanish Gentlemen saluted our English Gentlemen, and their inferiour sort did also salute our Souldiers and Sea men.
- c1600 *Wriothesley's Chron. Eng.* (1875) I. 10 The Queene of Scottes..was richly receaved, and rode thorowe London.
- 1656 EARL OF MONMOUTH tr. T. Boccacini *Ragguagli di Parnasso* 418 This Duke visited..Prospero Colonna, of whom he was received with all sorts of honour.
- a1719 J. ADDISON *Dialogues Medals in Wks.* (1721) I. ii. 484 Well received among the Prætorian guards, and afterwards declared their Emperor.
- 1782 F. BURNEY *Cecilia* II. III. ix. 118 Mrs. Delvile received her with the most distinguished politeness.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 101 The lord mayor came to quell the tumult, but was received with cries of 'No wooden gods'.
- 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sketches* (1873) II. I. i. 30 Attila..had received the Roman ambassadors, as a barbarian indeed, but as a king.
- 1900 J. CONRAD *Lord Jim* i. 2 A..shop..where her [sc. a ship's] commander is received like a brother by a ship-chandler.
- 1979 C. P. SNOW *Coat of Varnish* III. xxvii. 222 Thirkill received him with the overwhelming heartiness of a politician on the rise.
- 2001 R. G. CASTRO *Chicano Folklore* 193 Cortés was well received because he was thought to be Quetzalcoatl and the conquest of the Aztecs by the Spaniards was legitimized.

7. To treat (a person) in a familiar or friendly manner; to welcome and entertain as a guest, esp. at one's home.

a. trans. In religious contexts, with reference to the acceptance of a person (or mankind) by God, or of Christ by a person (or by mankind).

- ▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) John i. 11 He cam in to his owne thingis, and hise receyueden [L. *receperunt*] not him.
- a1400 (▶ c1303) R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* (Harl.) 236 Þouȝe he to-day fro hys god weyue,

To-morwe hys god wyl hym receyue.

- a1450 *Pater Noster Richard Ermyte* (Westm. Sch. 3) (1967) 44 (MED), Þou₃ þe synful..neuer so ofte haþ synned, turne hym to me & I hym wole resceyue.
- a1500 *Gospel of Nicodemus* (Harl.) 117 (MED), Lorde, y worschyp the, for thou hast resseyued me and suffryst that myne enemyes come not vpon me.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Psalms xlvi. [xlix.] 15 God shal deliuer my soule from the power of hell, when he receaueth me.
- 1567 *Compend. Bk. Godly Songs* (1897) 87 Aduert till Goddis word and Discipline, Ressaif his Sone.
- 1606 G. DOWNAME *Funerall Sermon*. 28 He that thus receiueth Christ, is esteemed of God.
- 1668 J. OWEN *Pract. Expos. 130th Psalm in Wks.* (1851) VI. 415 What love and tenderness there is in God to receive us.
- 1705 G. STANHOPE *Paraphr.* III. 53 God..could not so receive and assert an Impostor.
- 1797 J. PEARSON *Twelve Sermon*. iv. 46 Not to embrace and receive Jesus Christ when offered to us in the gospel, is a most heinous sin.
- 1852 TENNYSON *Ode Wellington* 281 God accept him, Christ receive him.
- 1955 B. GRAHAM *Secret of Happiness* 74 When we have properly confessed and renounced our sins and by faith received Christ into our hearts, then we receive a new heart from God.
- 1985 J. WIMBER & K. SPRINGER *Power Evangelism* ix. 140 Terms like 'Trinity' and 'receiving Christ as Saviour' are not found in the New Testament either, yet few object to their use.

b. trans. In general contexts.

Now usually implying some degree of formality.

- a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 4939 (MED), I receiud [*Trin. Cambr. serued*] þam and warnd ham noht Of alle thing þai me be-soght.
- c1450 (▶ c1380) CHAUCER *House of Fame* (Fairf. 16) (1878) l. 339 Anoon as we haue yow receyved [c1475 *Bodl. 638 continues* Certainly we ben deceyuyd].
- 1569 R. GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 303 The other prisoners..went to see the king at their pleasure, and were receyued onely vpon their faythes.
- 1611 *Bible* (A.V.) 2 Cor. xi. 16 Let no man thinke mee a foole; if otherwise, yet as a foole receiue me.
- 1692 N. LUTTRELL *Diary in Brief Hist. Relation State Affairs* (1857) II. 429 The lord mayor has declared no coffee men in London shall receive guests on Sunday.
- 1703 R. STEELE *Tender Husband* I. i, He is a Gentleman so Receiv'd, so Courted, and so Trusted.
- 1785 W. COWPER *Task* III. 81 A waif, Desirous to return, and not received.
- 1818 SCOTT *Heart of Mid-Lothian* xiii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 2nd Ser. IV. 280 It could not discommode you to receive any of his Grace's visiters or mine.
- 1885 M. COLLINS *Prettiest Woman in Warsaw* I. ii. 29 'She shall be received at my house' said Prince Sacha.
- 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Feb. 6/3 The Empress was sufficiently well two or three days ago to receive Count Schouvaloff... This is the first audience the illustrious *malade* has given for some months.
- 1981 A. SCHLEE *Rhine Journey* x. 130 She was preparing to be a hostess again: to receive to her abode admittedly a mere policeman, but a policeman.
- 2000 C. ACHEBE *Home & Exile* 11 Our home was open to them all, and my father received his peers and relatives..with kola nut and palm-wine in that piazza, just as my mother received her visitors in the parlour.

†**c.** *trans.* *Astrol.* With reference to the acceptance of one planet into another planet's house, exaltation, or other dignity. Cf. RECEPTION *n.* 1a.

Obs.

- c1400 (▶ 1391) CHAUCER *Treat. Astrolabe* (Cambr. Dd.3.53) (1872) II. §4. l. 30 The lord of the ascendent..is..in a succedent, where-as he is in his dignite & confortd with frendly aspectys of planetes & [wel] reseuiued.
- c1405 (▶ c1390) CHAUCER *Man of Law's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 209 O fieble Moone..Thow knytttest thee ther thow nart nat receyued.
- 1583 J. HARVEY *Astrol. Addition sig. D5^v*, Immediatly after the terme or end of these effects, Mercury shall receiue both Saturne and Iupiter.
- 1676 W. LILLY *Anima Astrologiæ* 21 When the Moon is joynd to any planet that receives her, then that planet commits its disposition to her.
- 1728 J. THOMSON *Spring* 3 From Aries rolls the bounteous Sun, And the bright Bull receives Him.
- 1784 E. SIBLY *New & Compl. Illustr. Astrol.* (new ed.) II. 300 If it shall happen that the Moon or lord of the ascendant be joined to a malefic planet, and an unfortunate planet receives them, the querent will then obtain his desire.

d. *intr.* To welcome and entertain visitors; to hold receptions.

- 1830 B. DISRAELI *Let.* 14 July (1982) I. 136 Mrs Brackenbury 'receives' every evening... It is agreeable to take refuge in a house which is literally a palace covered with pictures.
- 1855 J. S. C. ABBOTT *Napoleon* xxviii. 445 He declared that she should be crowned with him, and that she should receive at his side.
- 1877 *World* 7 No. 180. 4 He goes into society, or, what is still more agreeable to him, receives at home.
- 1902 H. JAMES *Wings of Dove* IX. xxxii. 499 'I'm commissioned to ask you from her to go and see her.'.. He was..bewildered. 'Then she can receive—?'
- 1961 F. O'CONNOR *Let.* Aug. in *Habit of Being* (1980) 447, I am writing a longish story in the morning & receiving on the front porch in the afternoon.
- 1990 N. DE MILLE *Gold Coast* II. ix. 90 You must forgive us for not calling on you, but we weren't certain if you were settled in and receiving.

8. *trans.*

a. To meet (a person) with signs of welcome or salutation; to greet or acknowledge (someone) on arrival or entrance. See also sense 6.

- ▶ c1384 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* (Royal) Deeds xxviii. 30 He receyuede [L. *suscipiebat*] alle that entriden to him.
- a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) 15059 (MED), Þe receiues þin aun folk, And welcums þe hame.
- c1430 LYDGATE *Select. Minor Poems* (1840) 3 Alle of assent..Ther noble Kyng were glad to resseyve.
- 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* ccxliii. 287 The dukes sone of Barre with a fayre meyny resseyued this worthy lady.
- a1500 (▶ c1400) *Emaré* (1908) 578 (MED), He was resseyued and rychely dyȝt And wyste of no treson.

- 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. N. de Nicolay *Nauigations Turkie* I. vi. 4 b, Ther came with him..captaines and Ianissaries to receiue the Ambassadour.
- 1633 in J. D. Marwick *Extracts Rec. Burgh Glasgow* (1881) II. 14 [To] go to Sanctandros to sie the archiebishop of Glasgow ressaute thair.
- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* vi. 158 The Indian neighbourhood..were our fast friends, and ready to receive and assist us.
- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. IV. 254 The City of London made great Preparations to receive the King.
- 1748 S. RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VI. lxxii. 258 She shot to the stairs-head to receive him.
- 1850 TENNYSON *In Memoriam* lxxxiii. 118 The great Intelligences fair That range above our mortal state..Received and gave him welcome there.
- 1883 HOWELLS in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 81/1 You stay here and receive him, Nettie.
- 1902 O. WISTER *Virginian* xxxvi. 500 Mrs. Wood, waiting in her parlor, had embraced her daughter and received her son-in-law.
- 1983 J. F. HENDRY *Sacred Threshold* ii. 21 Rilke went boldly to the castle there, introduced himself and was received by Prince Thurn.

†**b.** To admit to one's presence. *Obs. rare.*

- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* I. 85 The Grand Signior..is willing first to see what he hath brought, before he receive him to Audience [Fr. *deuant que de le receuoir à l'audience*].

III. To take (in) or accept (something); to permit (something) to be done, submit.

9. *trans.*

a. To take into one's hands or one's possession (something offered or given by another); to take delivery of (something) from another, either for oneself or for a third party. Also *intr.*, *occas.* with *of*.

This sense is distinguished from sense 10a in that the notion of taking into one's possession is here more significant than that of acceptance.

- c1330 *Roland & Vernagu* 125 When charls had reseued þat þing, He bisouȝt ihu..to wite..ȝif þe relikes verray were.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) 1260 (*MED*), William..receyued of þat riche duk realy his swerde.
- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Mark xii. 2 A man..sente..a seruauant, that he schulde receyue [*v.r.* take; a1425 *L.V.* resseyue; *L. acciperet*] of the fruyt.
- a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) I. 7746 (*MED*), Nou her i leue þe kinges glaiue, Yee send a man at it receiue [*Gött.* rescaue].
- a1450 *St. Edith* (Faust.) (1883) 2230 (*MED*), Pe lytulle childus honde he streȝte forthe þo To resayue þat tapre wyth þe lyȝt.
- a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll.) 1134 'Here ys my glove'.. 'I resceyve youre glove,' seyde sir Launcelot.
- 1508 *Golagros & Gawane* sig. aiiii^v, This kyth and this castell Firth forest and fell..Ressaue as your awin.
- 1539 *Bible* (Great) Matt. xvii. 24 They that vse to receaue tribute-money cam to Peter.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1623) I. ii. 40 He would haue giuen it you, but I being in

the way, Did in your name receive it.

- 1657 BP. H. KING *Exequy* in *Poems* (1843) 34 And for sweet flowres to crown thy hearse, Receive a strew of weeping verse.
- a1744 POPE *Wks.* (1751) 263 Aw'd, on my bended knees I fell, Receiv'd the weapons of the sky.
- 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 391/2 The receipt..must be signed by the person receiving.
- a1822 SHELLEY *Cyclops* in *Posthumous Poems* (1824) 347 He..Received it, and at one draught drank it off.
- 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 1196 in *Idylls of King*, In one cold passive hand Received at once and laid aside the gems.
- 1876 J. GRANT *Hist. Burgh Schools Scotl.* II. xiv. 478 Fastern's E'en when the Master received from the boys a small contribution under the name of Cock-Money.
- 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 938/1 No licensed teacher now could or would receive a body without a medical certificate and a warrant from the inspector of anatomy.
- 1987 R. MISTRY *Tales from Firozsha Baag* 28 Every morning I receive her milk and bread so she does not have to wake up early.

b. Of a deity: to take (a soul, spirit, etc.) to himself in death. Cf. sense 10.

- c1330 (▶ ?c1300) *Bevis of Hampton* (Auch.) 4222 (MED), Mahoun, Gouin, and Gibiter, Reseue now me saule her, For wel ich wot, ich am dede.
- ▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds vii. 58 Thei stonyden Steuene..seyinge, Lord Jhesu, receyue [*v.r.* take; L. *suscipe*] my spirit.
- a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 19472 (MED), To þe iesu Yeild i mi gast, receuif [*Gött.* reciuē] it nu!
- ?a1450 *Metrical Life Christ* (1977) 92 (MED), Sche zelde vp þe goste And Iesu Crist..Resseyued hit ful derely Bitwene his hondes softly.
- c1500 (▶ ?a1437) *Kingis Quair* (1939) cxxiii (MED), Perpetualye Ressave I sall your saulis of my grace.
- 1594 *1st Pt. Raigne Selimus* sig. I^v, Thou God of Christians, Receiue my dying soule into thy hands.
- a1639 J. DYKE *Right Receiving of Christ* (1640) iv. 56 Then full faine wilt thou be to have Chirst [*sic*] Iesus receive thy soule.
- 1682 T. WILSON *Serm. Martyrdom King Charles I* 26 Holding up his hands (as well as he could) to heaven, he fervently cryed out, *Lord Iesus; have mercy on my soul, and receive my spirit.*
- 1716 B. BOOTH *Death of Dido* 21 Kind Goddess,..Receive a Soul oppress'd with Grief.
- 1789 W. BLAKE *Night* iv, in *Songs of Innocence* (unpaginated text) But if they rush dreadful; The angels most heedful, Recieve each mild spirit, New worlds to inherit.
- 1827 J. KEBLE *Christian Year* I. viii. 32 Jesu, do Thou my soul receive.
- 1835 W. WORDSWORTH *At Grave of Burns* in *Poems* (1842) 55 May He who halloweth the place Where Man is laid Receive thy Spirit in the embrace For which it prayed!
- 1904 J. CONRAD *Nostramo* III. viii. 356 She was dead. But would God consent to receive her soul? She had died without confession or absolution.
- 1910 A. BIERCE *Coll. Wks.* III. 322 'Almighty God, our Father,' said I... 'Forgive us our sins,' said I... 'And receive our souls.' 'Amen!'
- 2000 N. SYKES in A. Hastings et al. *Oxf. Compan. Christian Thought* 154/1 As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit'.

c. To be the recipient of (words, advice, etc.) through hearing or listening to another; (hence) to attend to, listen to, heed. Also used *intr.* with *of*.

- a1425 (▶ c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Prov. ii. 1 Mi sone, if thou resseyuest [a1382 *E.V.* vndertakest; L. *susceperis*] my wordis, and hidist myn heestis anentis thee.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Prov. x. A, A wyse man wil receaue warnynge.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Deut. xxxiii. 3 They shall set them selues downe at thy fete, and receaue of thy wordes.
- 1566 W. PAINTER *Palace of Pleasure* I. lii. f. 305, Madame sith it pleaseth you to receyue myne aduise [etc.].
- c1613 in T. Stapleton *Plumpton Corr.* (1839) 91, I have a *dedimus potestatem* out of the Eschequer..derected to Sir Guy Fayrfax, to resayve your hothes and my ladies.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *All's Well that ends Well* (1623) II. i. 22 Our hearts receiue your warnings.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 92. ¶2, I have deferred furnishing my Closet with Authors, till I receive your Advice.
- 1752 D. HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) II. 175 With what greediness are the miraculous accounts of travellers received.
- 1800 tr. *Invisible Man* II. 208 You have received my oath; I am incapable of forfeiting it.
- 1841 E. W. LANE tr. *Thousand & One Nights* I. 80 Receive news, O fisherman.
- 1896 W. H. HUTTON *Philip Augustus* ii. 51 He..charged the archbishop of Rheims and others to receive the oath of fealty from his new vassals.
- 1930 W. H. WALDRON *Old Sergeant's Conferences* vii. 122 To 'Re-up' is to reenlist on the day following discharge... The 'Up' refers to holding up his hand to receive the oath of enlistment.
- 1992 D. MORGAN *Rising in West* III. 515 Had it not been for the encouraging words I received..from my erstwhile editor at the *Washington Post*..I would assuredly have [abandoned the project].

d. To accept, take in, or deal with (stolen goods), in knowledge of the theft. Cf. *FENCE v.* 12a, *RECEIVER n.*¹ 3, *RESET v.*¹ 2.

- c1430 *Acts Parl. Scotl.* (1844) I. 376/2 He that tuk that mone knawand it was nocht gude resawyt thyfft of a theff ande..salbe punyst.
- 1561 in J. H. Burton *Reg. Privy Council Scotl.* (1877) 1st Ser. I. 173 Suppois thair libell had expressit that I had ressavit the saidis gudis fra the Cantis libellit.
- 1583 P. STUBBES *Second Pt. Anat. Abuses* sig. F5^v, If they would not haue receiued our stollen goods, we woulde neuer haue stollen them.
- a1640 F. BEAUMONT et al. *Loves Cure* v. iii, in F. Beaumont & J. Fletcher *Comedies & Trag.* (1647) sig. Sssss^v/1, You must restore all stolne goods you receiv'd.
- 1676 E. COLES *Eng. Dict.*, *Stalling-ken*, a brokers, or any house that receives stolen goods.
- 1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* at *Receiver*, Such as knowingly receive stollen Goods from Thieves, and conceal them.
- a1768 J. ERSKINE *Inst. Law Scotl.* (1773) II. IV. iv. §63 723 The crime of reset of theft consists either in harbouring the person of the thief after the goods are stolen, or in receiving or disposing of the goods.
- 1899 W. BESANT *Orange Girl* II. xv. 307 Guilty of receiving stolen goods.
- 1920 S. KAYE-SMITH *Green Apple Harvest* (1921) 251 The usual—dawg-stealing; and his wife and old Mrs.

Lovell ull git it too, for fencing—or receiving stolen goods.

1978 J. B. HILTON *Some run Crooked* xi. 115 Nobody's going to get done..for receiving four and a tanner's worth of best Sheffield cutlery.

1995 *Daily Tel.* 7 July 9/1 Steven Haden..admitted three charges of receiving stolen goods and three of possessing the controlled drugs phentermine and diethylpropion.

†**e.** *imper.* = RECIPE *v.* (*fig. in quot.*) *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1588 R. GREENE *Perimedes* sig. Biii, Receiue twenty ounces of merrie conceipts, pounded in the mortar of a quiet resolution.

10. *trans.*

a. To accept (a thing which is offered or presented). Also *intr.*, occas. with *of*.

In some cases, esp. in negative clauses, this use is not clearly distinguishable from sense 9a (see also note there).

c1330 in *Englische Studien* (1886) 9 50 (MED), Pan artow riȝt justise & reseiuest þe sacrificise, þe offering alle opon þe auter.

▸ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds xx. 35 It is more blessid for to ȝyue, more than for to receyue [L. *accipere*].

a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) 28794 (MED), Vr lauerd..receues..right nan Almus þat o wrang es tan.

a1450 *York Plays* 63 (MED), Lorde god! to þis take tente, Ressayue thy sacrifice.

1489 (▸ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (Adv.) I. 419, [I pray you] That ȝe resave her his homage And grantis him his heritage.

a1500 (▸ 1422) J. YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Rawl.) (1898) 162 [A man] the whyche..the grace that fortune hym yewyth nel rescewe.

1513 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* v. ii. 35 Beseik..That my fadir wald eftir this ressave This sacrifice.

1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) John xix. 30 As sone as Iesus had received of the venegre.

1561 N. WINȜET *Cert. Tractates* i, in *Wks.* (S.T.S.) I. 7 Na man..wald resauē the office of ane pastour, quhil he wes almaist compellit thairto.

1600 SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* III. ii. 140, I come by note to giue, and to receaue.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *All's Well that ends Well* (1623) I. iii. 235 But thinke you..If you should tender your supposed aide, He would receive it?

1647 *Portland Papers* VI. (Hist. MSS. Comm.) 55 The Commissioners refusing to receive my Answer sealed, I..read and delivered it open to them.

1681 R. KNOX *Hist. Relation Ceylon* 49 These gifts..he thinks scorn to receive.

1762 W. JONES *Arcadia* (1777) 105 This pipe, on which the god of shepherds play'd When love inflam'd him, and the viewless maid, Receive.

1776 *Trial Maha Rajah Nundocomar for Forgery* 16/1 The books must be produced, as we cannot receive parole evidence of their contents.

1836 J. C. CALHOUN *Wks.* (1864) II. 472 He who votes for receiving this petition..votes that Congress is bound to take jurisdiction of the question.

- 1864 W. W. SKEAT tr. J. L. UHLAND *Songs & Ballads* 49 Boatman, come, thy fare receive.
- 1932 *Times* 28 Nov. 8/5 An interesting zoological collection made in Upper Burma was received as a gift.
- 1990 *Independent on Sunday* 28 Jan. 20/6 His readiness to cross the street and receive the demonstrators' petition showed no lack of courage.

†**b.** Of God: to listen to, hear (a prayer, intention, etc.), esp. with acceptance. *Obs.*

- a1425 (▶ c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Psalms vi. 10 The Lord hath herd my bisechyng, the Lord hath resseyued [a1382 *E.V.* vndertaken; L. *suscepit*] my preier. [Also in Coverdale and 1611.]
- 1475 *Brome Abraham & Isaac* in N. DAVIS *Non-Cycle Plays & Fragm.* (1970) 54 (*MED*), Lord, reseyye thow myn intent.
- 1533 TYNDALE *Souper of Lorde* f. 31^v, I wolde euery man presente shuld professe the articles of oure faythe openly in our mother tongue, and confesse his synnes secretly vnto God, praynge intierly that he wolde nowe vouchsafe to haue mercy vpon him, receyue his prayers, [etc.].
- 1582 T. BENTLEY et al. *Monument of Matrones* IV. 447 O pittifull Lord,..for thy goodnesse receiue the praiers of thy seruant, and grant me the effect of my petition and desire.
- a1638 J. MEDE *Wks.* (1672) 293 We desire Almighty God to accept our Alms and to receive our Prayers.
- 1690 W. WAKE *Serm. & Disc. Several Occasions* xii. 491 To ascribe to the Holy Mary such a Power as is necessary to receive our Prayers, and to attend to our Petitions,..is to raise her above the state of a Creature.
- 1728 J. GILL *Targum* vi, in *Expos. Solomon's Song* 416 The Lord of the world graciously received their prayer, and came down to the Sanhedrim of the wise men at Babylon, [etc.].
- 1794 T. MAURICE *Indian Antiq.* IV. I. iii. 129 Those stupendous attributes which unequivocally stamp Divinity on the possessor, viz. the power to create, to confound languages, to receive prayer, and to forgive sins.

†**c.** To accept the surrender of (a person or, esp. in later use, a place). *Obs.*

- ▶ ?a1439 LYDGATE tr. *Fall of Princes* (Bodl. 263) v. 1276 (*MED*), Thei..yald hem prisoneeris, Meekli requeryng vnto Scipioun To resceyue hem in this mortal rage.
- 1485 *Malory's Morte Darthur* (Caxton) v. xii. sig. k.ij, Knelyng bifore kyng Arthur [they] requyred hym for the loue of god to receyue the cyte, & not to take it by assaulte.
- 1487 (▶ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) XIII. 530 'Till 3ow her I 3eld me, at 3our will to be.' 'And I resaiff the, schir', saide he.
- 1533 *Fabyan's Chron.* f. cxv^v/1, Y^e duke receyued his city of Bayon, with all dyspeasure forgyuen agayn y^e forenamed Theobald.
- 1579 T. NORTH tr. Plutarch *Liues* 610 So entring into Mesopotamia, [Crassus] receiued many cities, that of good will yeilded them selues vnto him.
- 1640 W. HABINGTON *Hist. Edward IV* 108 The Duke of Glocester..was sent with a generall pardon to the Rebels, and authority in the Kings name to receive the Towne, the Castle, and all the shipping in the harbour.
- 1682 EARL OF ORMOND *True Acct. Proc.* 10 He and the rest of the Commissioners had received the City of Dublin and other Garrisons.

1739 F. BLOMEFIELD *Ess. Topogr. Hist. Norfolk* I. 399 Harold received this City and it's Provinces of Algar peaceably, in the Year 1052.

11. trans.

a. To be the recipient of or take (an impression, mark, etc.); to be marked more or less permanently by. *lit.* and *fig.*

c1350 *Apocalypse St. John: A Version* (Harl. 874) (1961) 113 (MED), Alle þat honouren þe beest..& resceyuen his merk in her honde [L. *si quis..acceperit characterem in fronte sua aut in manu sua*]..shullen drynken of þe wyn & of þe water of god þat is menged wiþ þe bitternesse of þe chalice of his wrapþe.

c1400 (▶ 1391) CHAUCER *Treat. Astrolabe* (Cambr. Dd.3.53) (1872) II. §40. l. 17, I..wexede my label in Maner of a peyre tables to resceyue distynctly the prikkes of my compas.

?a1425 tr. Guy de Chauliac *Grande Chirurgie* (Hunterian) f. 46^v (MED), Þe vtilite whi þat it [sc. brain] is white as a bare tabel is be cause þat [it] schulde take oþer resceiuen alle þinge indifferentlye.

1533 J. BELLENDEN tr. Livy *Hist. Rome* IV. xxiii, Quhat place was left hail in all þare bodyis to ressaue ony new woundis.

1593 SHAKESPEARE *Venus & Adonis* sig. Ciiij^v, His tendrer cheeke, receiues her soft hands print.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseudodoxia Epidemica* II. i. 55 Crystall..will receive impression from steele, more easily then [sic] the Turchois.

1655 T. STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* I. III. 32 They being eager in prosecution of their design, and he prepared by want, and malice to receive their impression.

1760 L. STERNE *Life Tristram Shandy* II. ii. 14 The wax is over harden'd, it will not receive the mark of her thimble.

1785 W. COWPER 'Poplar Field' in *Gentleman's Mag.* Jan. 53 The winds play no longer, and sing in their leaves, Nor the Ouse on its bosom their image receives.

1830 A. APPLGATH *Specif. Patent 5988* 2, A is the cast-iron frame; B, the impression cylinder, upon which the piece of material receives the impression.

1898 'M. GRAY' *House Hidden Treasure* III. iii, Chip's brain..was more calculated to retain than to receive impressions.

1923 J. CONRAD *Let.* 4 Dec. (1956) 299 His half-witted soul received the impress of the Revolution which has missed the simple minded Michel altogether.

1956 N. ALGREN *Walk on Wild Side* I. 38 All who worship Jehovah will have to receive the mark of the beast or die!

1992 *Bicycle* Feb. 18/1 The impression received when talking to Claudio Passoni is the thing that makes his life complete is building bikes to perfection.

b. To permit oneself to be the object of (an action, etc.); to allow (something) to be done to or (some quality, etc.) to be conferred on oneself; to submit to, endure.

▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) John v. 44 How mown 3e bileue, that receyuen [L. *accipitis*] glorie ech of other?

a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) 18714 All þat wald tru fra þat time, And siþen wald receiue

baptime.

- c1405 (▶ c1390) CHAUCER *Pardoner's Prol. & Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 598 Com forth anon and kneleth here adoun And mekely receyueþ my pardoun.
- ?a1425 *Orcherd of Syon* (Harl. 3432) (1966) 35 (MED), Riȝt as wickide men receyuen vyce by her neiȝbore, so anoȝir man receyueþ vertu by his neiȝbore.
- a1500 (▶ ?a1400) *Morte Arthur* 3688 (MED), The same desteny that yow is dyghte I will Resseyve in som house bolde.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Jer. vii. 28 This is the people, that nether heareth the voyce of the Lorde..ner receaueth his correction.
- 1556 R. ROBINSON tr. T. More *Utopia* (ed. 2) sig. Lvi^v, The religiously disposed person..ought patientlye to receaue & suffer them [*sc.* griefs].
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. xv. iii, If the barke of an Olive tree be slit and cut, it will receive the rellice and smell of any medicinable spice.
- 1609 S. ROWLANDS *Famous Hist. Guy Earle of Warwick* 72 Nature's corruption I do strive to leave, A new regeneration to receive.
- 1705 J. COLLIER *Ess. Moral Subj.: Pt. III* I. 13 The Roman Gladiators..chose rather to receive a Cut than avoid it unhandsomely.
- 1765 *Treat. Dom. Pigeons* 23 She will squat, and readily receive his tread, by which she is rendered prolific.
- 1818 T. L. PEACOCK *Nightmare Abbey* i, Family interests compelled Mr. Glowry to receive occasional visits from Mr. and Mrs. Hilary.
- 1861 D. G. ROSSETTI tr. Dante *Vita Nuova* 299 The sonnet has two parts... It might well receive other divisions also.
- 1951 G. HEYER *Quiet Gentleman* iv. 48, I should not think it marvellous if we were to receive as many as fifty visits from our neighbours this sennight.
- 2006 *Christian Cent.* 31 Oct. 13/1 The theological distinction has traditionally been that Pentecostal churches say that believers receive 'the baptism of the Holy Spirit' when they speak in tongues, whereas charismatic groups are not so rigid on that point.

c. To allow (something) to be applied to, or placed on, oneself. Also in extended use.

- 1520 in H. Ellis *Orig. Lett. Eng. Hist.* (1824) 1st Ser. I. 167 The King..lokythe dayly..to receive the vauntbrasse and gauntlett.
- 1549 W. BALDWIN *Canticles of Salomon* sig. hiv^v, All other foke That haue receyued the yoke Of the gospels.
- c1550 *Complaynt Scotl.* (1979) iv. 24 It is said generelye tyl al them that hes resaut the ȝoilk ande the confessione of crist.
- 1600 P. HOLLAND tr. Livy *Rom. Hist.* XXXVIII. 1002 For feare least if once they receive the yoke of subjection upon their neckes,..Philopæmen would effect and put in execution that which he long intended.
- 1686 W. AGLIONBY *Painting Illustr.* (new ed.) 28 A Mixture of Pitch, Mastick, and Varnish, boyled together, and applyed with a great Brush, till it make a Couch, fit to receive your priming, and afterwards your Colours.
- 1713 J. ADDISON *Cato* II. i, Egypt has since Received his yoke, and the whole Nile is Cæsar's.

- 1785 W. COWPER *Task* IV. 329 Earth receives Gladly the thickening mantle.
- 1788 W. COWPER *Negro's Compl.* 42 By our blood in Afric wasted, Ere our necks received the chain.
- 1820 SHELLEY *Ædipus Tyrannus* II. i. 109 To receive upon her chaste white body Dews of Apotheosis.
- 1898 'M. GRAY' *House Hidden Treasure* II. iii, Barling Harbour received the crimsoning light on its still levels and held it faithfully.
- 1955 C. JASPER *Handbk. Decorating & Painting* ii. 51 Sealing. The best form of treatment..for making the plaster suitable to receive oil paint, is to apply..alkali resisting primer.
- 2005 in M. N. A. Bockmuehl & D. A. Hagner *Written Gospel* I. ii. 42 One first receives the yoke of the kingdom and then receives the yoke of the commands.

12.

a. *trans.* *Christian Church.* To eat or drink (the sacrament) at the Eucharist; to take (Communion).

- c1350 *Apocalypse St. John: A Version* (Harl. 874) (1961) 201 (MED), Þise mysbileuande Men & wymmnen..shryuen hem & resceyuen god &..han no wille to leten her synnes.
- a1400 (▶ c1303) R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* (Harl.) 10199 Þe folk þat to þe preste went For to receyue þe sacrament.
- a1450 *St. Edith* (Faust.) (1883) 1876 (MED), Þe mayden kneled at þe auters 3ende..abode þere to resae hurre saueour.
- a1500 (▶ a1460) *Towneley Plays* 316 That ilk veray brede of lyfe Becommys my fleshe... Who so it resaes in syn or stryfe Bese dede for euer.
- 1568 (▶ ?a1513) W. DUNBAR *Poems* (1998) 250 Ane preist sweirit be God verey, Quhilk at the alter ressaui he.
- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* I. iv. 198 Thou didst receiue the holy sacrament, to fight in quarrell of the house of Lancaster.
- 1636 P. HEYLYN *Hist. Sabbath* II. 90 Reverendly kneeling on their knees, when they received the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.
- 1686 H. MORE *Brief Disc. Real Presence* 52 We really though spiritually..eat or receive the real Body and Blood of Christ.
- 1714 J. WALKER *Attempt Acct. Sufferings Clergy Church of Eng.* II. 281/2 He had called those Wall ey'd Horses that would not come to the Rails to receive the Communion.
- 1791 E. BURKE in *Hansard Parl. Hist.* (1814) XXIX. 397 The priest, from whom they had received the sacrament, had not submitted to the test.
- 1827 T. MOORE *Mem.* (1854) V. 196 Lord Charles took his pretty future to Church this morning to receive the sacrament.
- 1874 J. R. GREEN *Short Hist. Eng. People* (1895) viii. §4. 510 The habit of receiving the communion in a sitting posture.
- 1903 *Spectator* 31 Oct. 704/2 Daulac..and his companions made their wills, confessed, and received the sacrament.
- 1981 M. WEST *Clowns of God* viii. 218 Would you like to receive Communion now?

b. *trans.* More generally: to take in by the mouth; to swallow. Also *intr.* with *of*.

In later quot. prob. a contextual use of other senses.

- c1400 *Bk. to Mother* (Bodl.) 6 (MED), Bodily drynke is lightlyer reseuyed þan bodily mete.
- ?a1425 (▶ 1373) J. LELAMOUR tr. Macer *Herbal* f. 1 (MED), Resayve iij sponefull of þe juis luke warme, and yf þou haue evil stomake hit opyneþ hit.
- 1484 CAXTON tr. *Subtyl Historyes & Fables Esope* x, He gaf to hym the sayd pylles & badde hym to receyue and take them.
- a1500 (▶ ?a1425) tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Lamb.) 77 (MED), A mouth-full of hoot water, ilk morwe twyes ressayued, sholde make a man..hool.
- 1574 E. HELLOWES tr. A. de Guevara *Familiar Epist.* 385 The patient that doth determine to receaue a litle rubarbe.
- 1600 B. JONSON *Every Man out of his Humor* III. iii. 57 The Cuban..Whiffe; which hee shall receiue or take in here at London, and evaporate at Vxbridge.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Pericles* ii. 73 Thou..ministers a potion vnto me: That thou wouldst tremble to receiue thy selfe.
- 1662 E. STILLINGFLEET *Origines Sacræ* III. i. §16 Man is formed with a mouth..for receiving and letting forth of air.
- 1742 POPE *New Dunciad* 375 Down his own throat he risqu'd the Grecian gold, Receiv'd each Demi-God..Deep in his Entrails.
- 1832 TENNYSON *Lotos-eaters* iv, in *Poems* (new ed.) 110 Whoso did receive of them, And taste.
- 1840 R. BROWNING *Sordello* II. v. 249 If lies are true, The Caliph's wheel-work man of brass receives A meal.
- 1858 'G. ELIOT' *Amos Barton* ii, in *Scenes Clerical Life* I. 38 Chubby, who is making a round O of her mouth to receive a bit of papa's 'baton'.
- 1925 C. FOX *Educ. Psychol.* 10 When a child simultaneously sees his nurse and receives food, both the optical stimulus and the taste stimuli produce their engraphic effects.
- 2005 J. LAUWERS & A. SWISHER *Counseling Nursing Mother* (ed. 4) 291 The baby actively suckles the breast in order to receive milk.

c. intr. Christian Church. To take the sacrament; to communicate.

- 1551 BP. S. GARDINER *Explic. Catholique Fayth* f. 51, What soeuer we may gather, that note of this auctour remayneth vnproued: that the Priest ought not to receiue alone.
- 1587 D. FENNER *Def. Godlie Ministers* sig. Miv^v, The priuate Masse of the Papistes, where the Priestes and his Clearke onely doe receyue.
- 1647 R. HERRICK *Parasceve* in *Noble Numbers* 21 Let's go (my Alma) yet e're we receive, Fit, fit it is, we have our Parasceve.
- 1686 A. WOOD *Life & Times* (1894) III. 176 M^r Boys and M^r Deane were in the outer Chapel, but did not come in to receive.
- 1741 R. CHALLONER *Mem. Missionary Priests* I. Pref. A4, Paul V. also allow'd..a plenary Indulgence to all such as hauing confess'd and receiv'd were present at that Mass.
- 1874 G. A. DENISON *Let.* 18 Aug. in *Fifty Years at East Brent* (1902) 157, I do not understand worshipping where I cannot receive if I desire to receive.
- 1996 F. MCCOURT *Angela's Ashes* (1997) viii. 242 Now tell me, did you go to Mass this morning? I did, Sister. And did you receive? I did, Sister.

13. trans.**a. Of a place or building: to admit (a person); to give accommodation or shelter to.**

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds iii. 21 Jhesu Crist..it bihoueth heuene for to resceyue [L. *suscipere*].
- a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Gött.) 17982 (MED), Hell..ma þe redi At receiue iesu nu in hij.
- ?a1425 (▸ c1400) *Mandeville's Trav.* (Titus C.xvi) (1919) 160 Þere ben jnnes ordeyned..to resceyue bothe man & hors.
- a1500 *Partenay* (Trin. Cambr.) 160 Som receipt nye the wodes lynde, Wher we mow thys tym receyued to be.
- 1578 G. BEST *True Disc.* in S. Purchas *Hakluytus Posthumus* (1625) III. 80 The ship-bote..could not receive halfe of the companie.
- a1625 F. BEAUMONT & J. FLETCHER *Knight of Malta* IV. i, in *Comedies & Trag.* (1647) sig. Lllll4/1, This cave fashioned..To be a den for beasts, alone, receives me.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* I. 252 Hail Infernal world, and thou profoundest Hell Receive thy new Possessor.
- 1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 289. ¶9 A house that changes its Inhabitants so often, and receives such a perpetual Succession of Guests, is not a Palace but a Caravansary.
- 1785 W. COWPER *Task* I. 354 We tread the Wilderness..The Grove receives us next.
- 1819 SCOTT *Legend of Montrose* ii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 3rd Ser. IV. 17 (*motto*) More doubtful, shew'd The mansion, which received them from the road.
- 1898 'M. GRAY' *House Hidden Treasure* Prol. ii, It was a long time since the Old House had received a child-guest.
- 1915 J. BUCHAN *Thirty-nine Steps* iii. 56 The 'bed in the loft' received a weary man.
- 1931 'G. TREVOR' *Murder at School* i. 16 'It is always a pleasure for Oakington to receive her old boys.'.. A little old-boyishness in response seemed clearly indicated.
- 2005 L. TOO *168 Feng Shui Ways to calm Life* 16 When it [sc. a tilted door] was completed the hotel received a planeload of guests when a flight was suddenly delayed.

b. More generally: to admit as to a receptacle or containing space; to allow to enter or penetrate; to take in. Also *fig.* and *intr.*

- a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) I. 1135 (MED), Erth, þou sal be maledight, Pat reseued [*Fairf.* resceyuet, Gött. resceyued] þi broþer blode.
- a1425 (▸ c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Eccclus. xxxvi. 21 An vnwise herte resseyueth false wordis.
- c1440 S. SCROPE tr. C. de Pisan *Epist. of Othea* (St. John's Cambr.) (1970) 63 Goddes word, the which ye here with youre bodily eeris, receyue them in your hertis.
- a1500 (▸ 1422) J. YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Rawl.) (1898) 243 (MED), The stomake shal be nuet to resceue more charge than hit was wonyt.
- ?1541 R. COPLAND *Guy de Chauliac's Questyonyary Cyrurgyens* ii. sig. Dij^v, Some [bones] are enbossed for to entre, and other haue vacuytees that receyueth.
- 1548 *Hall's Vnion: Henry VIII* f. lxxij^v, Doores and enterynges into the chambers..to receiue light and

aire at pleasure.

- 1594 SHAKESPEARE *Titus Andronicus* V. ii. 182 The bason that receaues your guiltie blood.
- 1618 W. LAWSON *New Orchard & Garden* I. ii. 5 Some for this purpose digge the soyle of their Orchard to receyue moysture.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* VI. 55 The Gulf Of Tartarus, which ready opens wide His fiery Chaos to receive thir fall.
- 1712 POPE *Rape of Locke* I, in *Misc. Poems* 360 From silver Spouts the grateful Liquors glide, And China's Earth receives the smoking Tyde.
- 1780 W. COWPER *Progress of Error* 431 Learning itself, received into a mind By nature weak.
- 1814 R. SOUTHEY *Roderick* xxv. 351 Let One grave with Christian rites receive them both.
- 1921 S. SISSON *Anat. Domestic Animals* (ed. 2) 56 The ventral border [of the ethmoid bone] is received into the groove of the vomer.
- 1926 E. BOWEN *Ann Lee's* 257 The room received less and less light from the windows,..partly because of the thick lace curtains.
- 1968 B. ENGLAND *Figures in Landscape* 197 The gully which, running down the angle of the slope, received the torrent and carried it away.
- 1991 H. BEINFELD & E. KORNGOLD *Between Heaven & Earth* (1992) 411 The Bladder receives and discharges liquid waste.

c. To afford proper room or space to; to hold or contain conveniently. (In modern use chiefly in technical contexts.)

- c1425 LYDGATE *Troyyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) IV. 6055 (MED), Þei dide make a stede Large and wyde..Þat it myȝt resseive..A þousand knyȝtes.
- a1500 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Rawl.) (1953) 135 (MED), His graue..shal ben mad meche and large to resseyue al that is ordeynyd for his sepulture.
- a1500 *Generides* (Trin. Cambr.) 1972 (MED), Ther hoole puysaunce..was so grete..The Cite myght resseyue them day ne nyght.
- 1549 T. SOLME in H. Latimer *1st Serm. before Kynges Grace* Ep. Ded. sig. Aiiij, As it is vnpossible that a litell ryuer shulde receyue y^e recourse of the mayne sea w^t in his brymmes.
- 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. N. de Nicolay *Nauigations Turkie* IV. xxiii. 139 A port..able to receiue a 100. Gallies.
- 1611 *Bible* (A.V.) 1 Kings viii. 64 The brasen Altar..was too little to receiue the burnt offerings.
- 1697 DRYDEN *Ded. Æneis* in tr. Virgil *Wks.* sig. f1, The scantiness of our Heroick Verse, is not capable of receiving more than one.
- 1736 F. DRAKE *Eboracum* I. ii. 64 At the end of each tile is a hole that would receive a common slate pin.
- 1769 W. FALCONER *Universal Dict. Marine* (Transl. French Terms) sig. D2^v, *Cheville à goupilles*, a forelock-bolt, or bolt fitted to receive a forelock.
- 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Man. Brit. Rural Sports* 474/1 The well [of a rowing-boat]..is long enough to receive two men instead of one.
- 1941 *Mariner's Mirror* 27 191 The hatchways and mast holes are framed to receive half-beams where required.
- 1972 *Gloss. Timber Terms* (B.S.I.) 53 Mortice, a hole or slot to receive a *tenon* of corresponding size, which may or may not penetrate the full width or thickness of the member in which it is formed.
- 2001 C. H. WENDEL *Encycl. Antique Tools & Machinery* 31 It was used primarily for boring mortise and

tenon joints to receive a wooden pin.

14. *trans.*

a. To be the recipient of (a sound); to catch or hear.

- c1430 (▶ c1386) CHAUCER *Legend Good Women* (Cambr. Gg.4.27) (1879) l. 752 Vp on that on syde of that wal stod he And on that othir side stod Thesbe The sote soun of othir to resseyue.
- ?1566 J. ALDAY tr. P. Boaistuau *Theatrum Mundi* sig. R iv, As touching the eares, they are not idell, they are placed..hie and eminent for to receyve the sounde that naturally is borne hie.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry V* (1623) IV. 0. 6 The fixt Centinels almost receiue The secret Whispers of each others Watch.
- 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Island* v. xlvi. 58 Receives the entring sounds.
- 1701 N. GREW *Cosmol. Sacra* I. v. §6 A Hare, which is very quick of hearing..is supplied with a Bony Tube; which..is so directed backward, as to receive the smallest, and most distant Sound that comes behind her.
- 1783 J. HOOLE tr. L. Ariosto *Orlando Furioso* I. VIII. 528 A lamb..strays With tender bleats,..Till from afar the wolf the sound receives.
- a1817 J. AUSTEN *Persuasion* (1818) IV. viii. 158 Such she believed were his words; but scarcely had she received their sound, than her attention was caught by other sounds immediately behind her.
- 1858 R. G. MAYNE *Expos. Lexicon Med. Sci.* (1860) 946/1 The phonocamptic centre is the situation where is placed the ear destined to receive reflected sounds.
- 1921 E. A. BEDFORD *General Sci.* 44 We have a special organ, the ear, which receives the sound.
- 1989 J. DONNER *Supersense* (BNC) 67 Underwater, we are at even more of a disadvantage, for our ears are best suited to receive air-borne sound.

b. To become the support or take the weight of (something superimposed), bear. (In modern use chiefly in technical contexts.)

- ?a1475 (▶ ?a1425) tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (Harl.) (1874) V. 163 (MED), The grownde was elevate in maner of a hepe to receyve [a1387 J. Trevisa tr. to fonge; L. *ad receptionem*] Hillarius.
- 1609 *Bible* (Douay) I. 1 Esdras viii. 30 And the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and gold, and the vessels, to carry them to Jerusalem to the house of our God.
- 1654 *Ord. Office Postage Lett.* §8 To have in readiness one good Horse or Mare to receive and carry the Male of Letters.
- 1736 T. GRAY *Let.* 8 May in *Corr. T. Gray & W. Mason* (1853) 3 Ye Argive flower,..Receive a worthier load.
- 1842 TENNYSON *Morte d'Arthur* in *Poems* (new ed.) II. 11 Make broad thy shoulders to receive my weight, And bear me to the margin.
- 1879 *Building Constr.* in *Cassell's Techn. Educator* I. 197 Piers imply supports which receive vertical pressure, whilst abutments are such as resist outward thrust.
- 1962 *Appraisal Terminol. & Handbk.* (Amer. Inst. Real Estate Appraisers) (ed. 4) 176 *Strut*, any piece of wood fixed between two other pieces or members, designed to receive pressure or weight in the direction of its length.
- 1993 *Equus* July 119/3 Sheared heel–hoof distortion and laminar damage resulting when one heel receives more load, standing and in action, than the other.

c. Mil. To meet (an enemy, an attack, etc.) with resistance.

- 1477 CAXTON tr. R. Le Fèvre *Hist. Jason* (1913) 15 b, [They] broched their horses with their spores and receyuid them..with the might of their speris.
- 1487 (▶ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) XIII. 16 Thair fais resaut thame weill, I hycht, With swerdis, speris, and vith macys.
- c1580 tr. *Bk. Alexander the Great* I. 2467 For that Betys sa manfully Ressaut the king in his cumming.
- 1650 O. CROMWELL *Let.* 4 Sept. in *Writings & Speeches* (1939) II. 324 The enemy being in a very good posture to receive them.
- 1675 tr. W. Camden *Hist. Princess Elizabeth* (ed. 3) IV. 592 They [sc. Spaniards] were received by the Friese Muskettiers with a Volley of small Shot.
- 1749 H. FIELDING *Tom Jones* II. v. xi. 209 Our Heroe received the Enemy's Attack with intrepidity.
- 1775 W. H. DRAYTON in R. W. Gibbes *Documentary Hist. Amer. Revolution* (1855) I. 174 It is a maxim, that it is better to attack than to receive one.
- 1892 *Chambers's Jrnal.* 24 Sept. 610/2 There was no time to get into square formation to 'receive' the charging horsemen.
- 1903 J. LONDON *Call of Wild* 35 He never rushed till he was prepared to receive a rush; never attacked till he had first defended that attack.
- 2003 S. BRUST *Lord of Castle Black* 116 Piro took a defensive posture and received the attack with good style, first parrying a cut for his shoulder, then leaning back to avoid a cut for his head.

d. To take or catch (a person or thing falling or descending) in one's arms or otherwise. Also in extended use. Now *rare*.

- 1485 *Malory's Morte Darthur* (Caxton) I. ix. sig. avi^v, Kyng lot smote doune kyng Arthur, with that his four knyghtes receyued hym and set hym on horsback.
- ?a1525 (▶ c1450) *Christ's Burial & Resurrection* I. 442 in F. J. Furnivall *Digby Plays* (1896) 186 Stonde ner, Nichodemus! resauē hym softlye! Mawdleyne, hold ye his fete!
- 1594 *1st Pt. Raigne Selimus* sig. E4^v, A band of armed souldiers, Receiued him falling on their speares sharp points.
- 1615 H. CROOKE *Μικροκοσμολογία* 70 The haire of the eye-browes serue for to receiue the humour falling downe from the head.
- 1671 MILTON *Paradise Regain'd* IV. 580 A fiery Globe Of Angels..on their plumy Vans receiv'd him soft From his uneasie station.
- 1717 W. VREAM *Descr. Air-pump* 11 The wooden Dish..being set under to receive the falling Hemisphere, lest it should damage the Glass.
- ?1787 W. F. MAVOR *New Dict. Nat. Hist.* I. at *Elephant*, The enraged Elephant..tossed him to a vast height in the air, and received the falling victim on one of it's tusks.
- 1867 G. M. MUSGRAVE *Nooks & Corners Old France* I. 261 A 'dead well' of some twenty feet depth, which used to receive the descending weights of a great clock.
- 1943 D. WELCH *Maiden Voy.* xxiii. 192 He fell. But this time it was soft grass that received him.

e. To catch or intercept (a missile, blow, etc.); to encounter or stand the

force or effect of; to bear, withstand. Also in extended use. Cf. sense 20a.

Now rare.

- 1551 G. TADLOWE tr. T. More *Utopia* sig. Pvii, Their armour or harness whiche they weare is sure and stronge to receaue strokes [L. *ad excipiendos ictus*].
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. lvi^v, All the pelletes yⁱ they shall shoute, I will receaue them with my cote.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Troilus & Cressida* III. iii. 117 Like a gate of steele: Fronting the Sunne, receiues and renders back His figure and his heate.
- 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. G. F. Biondi *Eromena* III. 79 By this time had the horse (issued from their side) received the charge, after the foote were cut all to pieces.
- 1704 SWIFT *Full Acct. Battel between Bks.* in *Tale of Tub* 260 Paracelsus..darted his Javelin with a mighty Force, which the brave Antient received upon his Shield.
- 1751 T. SMOLLETT *Peregrine Pickle* I. xxxv. 267 The son interposing, received the first discharge of her fury.
- 1814 R. SOUTHEY *Roderick* xxv. 489 The Goth objects His shield, and on its rim received the edge.
- 1855 D. BREWSTER *Mem. Life I. Newton* (new ed.) I. iii. 47 The rays reflected by the speculum were received upon a plane metallic speculum.
- 1958 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 14 Feb. 83/1 We must now brace ourselves to receive broadsides from the great guns of science and technology.

f. *Sport.* To catch, strike, or take possession of (a ball which is thrown, kicked, served, etc.). Also: to be the designated recipient of (a service, delivery, etc.). Also *intr.*

- 1569 N. HAWARD tr. Seneca *Line of Liberalitie* II. xxxii. f. 83^v, It is somewhat prayse woorthie to receyue the ball skillfully and conningly when it is tost to him: but yet he is not to be called an expert and perfect player except he stryke the ball backe againe as finely and redely.
- 1603 P. HOLLAND tr. Plutarch *Morals* 60 At Tennis play, he that receiveth the ball, ought in the stirring and motion of his bodie to accommodate himselfe handsomely and in order to his fellow that smit it.
- 1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* III. 265 The Game at Tennis is a most Princely Exercise... Hazard side, is the side where they receive the Ball from the Pent-house.
- a1811 J. LEYDEN tr. *Malay Ann.* (1821) 231 The Moloco Prince was very skilful at foot-ball... A hundred hundred times would he receive the ball on his foot, and keep it up without falling.
- 1857 T. HUGHES *Tom Brown's School Days* II. viii. 397 Jack Raggles..having run one for a forward drive of Johnson's, is about to receive his first ball.
- 1862 *Laws Football* 9 The other [player]..is standing just outside the goal line to receive it.
- 1974 *Rules of Game* 119/3 The pair about to receive in the first game..decides which player shall receive the first service.
- 1988 *Rugby World & Post* Nov. 16/3 They must know where they are to receive the ball, understand the angle of their run.
- 2007 *Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, Ohio) (Nexis) 7 July (Sports section) D7 Bartoli..has a tendency to stand close to the service line to receive shots, particularly on second serves.

g. Of a telegraph, aerial, radio, television, etc.: to be affected by, detect, or respond internally to (a transmitted signal); to detect and convert (a signal) to sound, images, etc.

- 1854 *Civil Engineer & Architect's Jrnl.* **17** 309/2 The last electro-chemical telegraph we can notice is that of Messrs. Westbrook and Rogers, of America, the peculiarity of which is the employment of metallic surfaces to receive the signals and messages, instead of chemical paper.
- 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xiii. 12/2 The apparatus..for receiving and indicating the signals.
- 1916 *Geogr. Jrnl.* **47** 354 If the longitude of a powerful wireless station is known, and the observer is provided with the simple outfit necessary to receive signals, a very accurate determination of the longitude of his position can be effected by the reception alone of wireless signals.
- 1930 S. A. MOSELEY & H. J. B. CHAPPLE *Television* viii. 95 Tele-talkies..can be received on the identical machine which receives television images.
- 1948 *Proc. Symp. Large-scale Digital Calculating Machinery 1947* 125 The contemplated computer..is emerging as a parallel digit transmission system. The storage must then receive and deliver binary digits on parallel buses.
- 1989 'C. ROMAN' *Foreplay* iv. 36 We do receive regular transmissions of world events from Poop Central.
- 2004 *Chicago Tribune* (Midwest ed.) 11 July IV. 2/1 For now you will need a set-top box..to receive the high-definition signals.

h. Of a radio or television, or its user: to detect and interpret the signal transmitted by (a given broadcaster, a distant operator, etc.). Also *intr.* (*rare*).

- 1908 *Rep. Brit. Assoc. Advancem. Sci. 1907* 621 In this way it is possible to receive at Hythe from Elmers End.
- 1930 *Morning Post* 18 Aug. 3/4 In order to receive foreign stations consistently it is necessary to employ a powerful receiver.
- 1958 'J. CASTLE' & A. HAILEY *Flight into Danger* ix. 123 Hullo, Vancouver. 714 answering. Receiving you loud and clear. Over.
- 1989 *Lit. Rev.* Aug. 56/1 Now, like most other New Yorkers above the poverty level, I receive almost forty different channels.
- 2004 *Touch* Mar. 59/3 (*adv.*) This fabulous freeview box is compact and stylish, and will allow you to receive up to thirty extra stations!

15. *trans.* To take into the mind; to apprehend mentally; to understand; to learn. Also *intr.*

- † c1443 R. PECOCK *Reule of Crysten Religioun* (1987) 81 3e fadir and sone ricchen..þe holy goost infinitely, and þe fore hiȝer and above þan any creature may vnderstonde clerly or receive.
- a1513 J. IRLAND *Meroure of Wyssdome* (1965) II. 8 [It] is in our power to dispone ws to resae the knowlage necessar for our salute [etc.].
- 1586 R. LANE in R. Hakluyt *Principal Navigations* XIII. 304 He gaue mee more vnderstanding and light

of the Countrey then I had receiued by all the searches and Sauages that before I or any of my companie had had conference with.

- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Measure for Measure* (1623) II. iv. 82 But marke me, To be receiued plaine, Ile speake more grosse.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* VII. 179 The Acts of God..to human ears Cannot without process of speech be told, So told as earthly notion can receave.
- 1733 POPE *Ess. Man* III. 177 Thy Arts of Building from the Bee receive.
- 1781 GIBBON *Decline & Fall* (1787) III. xxx. 139 The mind of Alaric was ill prepared to receive, either in sleeping or waking visions, the impressions of Greek superstition.
- 1813 J. AUSTEN *Pride & Prejudice* III. xix. 321 Her mind received knowledge which had never before fallen in her way.
- 1892 B. F. WESTCOTT *Gospel of Life* 191 Man is fitted by his essential constitution to receive a knowledge of God.
- 1918 W. M. KIRKLAND *Joys of being Woman* viii. 75 That I must have received abundant elementary instruction I feel confident, although I do not in the least remember receiving it.
- 1989 *Profession* (Mod. Lang. Assoc. Amer.) 18/2 Literary study, as the study of textuality,..reveals the epistemological structures that organize how we know, how our knowledge gets transmitted and accepted, and why and how students receive it.

IV. To be given (a thing), have conferred; to experience, suffer, undergo. (In this branch the subject is a more or less passive recipient.)

16. *trans.*

a. To be the object of (some action); to experience or meet with (some treatment). Also *intr.*

- c1330 *King of Tars* (Auch.) 918 in *Englische Studien* (1889) 11 55 (MED), Þe soudan..Dede of his cloþes euerichon To reseyue his baptize.
- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds x. 43 To this alle prophetis beren witnessing, alle men that bileuen into him, for to receyue [L. *accipere*] remyscioun of synnes.
- a1425 (▸ ?a1300) *Arthour & Merlin* (Linc. Inn) 1087 (MED), He let brynge tofore him þat wommon, Forto reseceyue hire iuggement.
- a1475 *Bk. Quinte Essence* 3 (MED), Þe knees, þe leggis, and þe feet..resseyuen a synguler influence of þe sterris of Capricorn, Aquarie, and pisces.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Psalms xxiii[i]. 5 He shal receaue the blessinge from the Lord, and mercy from God his sauioure.
- 1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 216 He had beine vnthankful of al benifite and gude deid ressaued.
- 1662 J. DAVIES tr. A. Olearius *Voy. & Trav. Ambassadors* 6 The honour he had receiv'd in our Court, during his Exile.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* IV, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 143 A fault which easy Pardon might receive, Were Lovers Judges.
- 1738–9 KING in *Swift's Lett.* (1768) IV. 223 The ill-treatment I received from the post-office.
- 1781 W. COWPER *Retirem.* 302 This [malady]..Claims most compassion, and receives the least.
- 1859 E. A. STOPFORD *Work & Counterwork* 88 The pleasure of receiving unwonted sympathy.
- 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 348/2 The artist transplanted to a foreign soil both gives and receives; he

adapts himself to his changed conditions.

- 1927 F. M. THRASHER *Gang* IV. xxi. 453 The political boss knows exactly how to appeal to the gang because he himself has usually received valuable training for politics in a street gang from which he has ultimately been graduated.
- 1978 M. S. PECK *Road less Traveled* ii. 123 Love..is invariably a two-way street, a reciprocal phenomenon whereby the receiver also gives and the giver also receives.
- 1982 S. BRETT *Murder Unprompted* vii. 75 He had..delivered the speech with greater power than it had ever received.
- 2004 B. GREENE *Fabric of Cosmos* 512 The Bohm or de Broglie–Bohm approach has never received wide attention.

b. To suffer, undergo, be subjected to (something painful or unpleasant).

Also *intr.* with *of*.

- c1384 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Royal)* (1850) Apoc. xviii. 4 Ȝe shulen not receyue [L. *accipiatis*] of the plagis of it.
- c1405 (▸ c1390) CHAUCER *Melibeus* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 33 The pacient Iob..receyued ful many a greuous tribulacion.
- 1484 CAXTON tr. *Subtyl Historyes & Fables Esope* II. x. Men ought to presume ouer hym by whome they receyue somme dommage.
- a1500 (▸ ?c1450) *Merlin* (1899) 32 He hadde resceyved deth thourgh me.
- 1535 *Bible (Coverdale)* Hosea x. 6 Ephraim shal receaue full punishment.
- 1576 W. LAMBARDE *Perambulation of Kent* 112 King Canutus.., after that he had receaued the..woorse in a fight in Lincolne shyre.
- 1604 E. GRIMESTON tr. J. de Acosta *Nat. & Morall Hist. Indies* III. xxvi. 200 The Townes and Provinces..receive sometimes great losses by these Earthquakes.
- 1656 EARL OF MONMOUTH tr. T. Boccalini *Ragguagli di Parnasso* I. lxxxvii. 172 The ruines, plundrings..and other utter desolations which she had received from the Goths.
- 1745 in *Colonial Rec. Pennsylvania* (1851) V. 4 That the House might not receive any delay.
- 1796 H. HUNTER tr. J. H. B. de Saint-Pierre *Stud. Nature* (1799) II. 293, I have received..calumny only as the reward of all my services.
- 1841 DICKENS *Old Curiosity Shop* I. xxxii. 272 Mrs. Jarley..recounted word for word the affronts she had received.
- 1887 W. E. H. LECKY *Hist. Eng. 18th Cent.* (1892) VII. xx. 167 France..had undoubtedly received much real provocation.
- 1990 A. BEEVOR *Inside Brit. Army* (1991) ii. 19 Outstanding recruits who do not help less competent members..will receive a hard time until they change their ways.

c. Of a surface or object: to have (heat or light) incident upon it; to respond to the effect of (heat) and become warmer.

- c1485 (▸ 1456) G. HAY *Bk. Gouvernaunce of Princis* (1993) xxiii. 95 The metis yat ar etyn jn the dyner ressaus the hete of the day jn mannis corps, quhen he is wakand and traualand.
- 1603 C. HEYDON *Def. Iudiciall Astrol.* xii. 314 He receiveth the Sunnes beames but weakely, and therefore

can not heat by them, but rather refrigerate.

- 1620 tr. G. Boccaccio *Decameron* 126 A cave..which received no light into it, but by a small spiracle or ventloope made out ingeniously on the hills side.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* II, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 83 Nor plant it to receive the setting Sun.
- 1741 T. FRANCKLIN tr. Cicero *Of Nature of Gods* II. 173 The Air..drawn into the Lungs, receives Heat..by the Coagitation of the Lungs.
- 1756 J. FERGUSON *Astron. Explained* 23 The light and heat he [*sc.* Saturn] receives from the Sun are in the same proportion.
- 1855 M. F. MAURY *Physical Geogr. Sea* xv. §645 The two hemispheres do receive annually the same amount of solar heat.
- 1891 R. ROUTLEDGE *Discov. & Inventions 19th Cent.* (ed. 8) 523 The light we receive from the sun is 20,000,000,000 (twenty thousand million) times more than that of Sirius.
- 1930 J. H. JEANS *Universe around Us* (ed. 2) v. 256 The total amount of light and heat received on earth from the sun shews that the sun's radiation must be very nearly, although not quite, the 'full temperature radiation'..of a body at this temperature.
- 1980 K. THEAR in K. Thear & A. Fraser *Small Farmer's Guide to Raising Livestock & Poultry* (U.S. ed.) ii. 43/1 The whole structure is placed on the side of the poultry house where it receives the maximum amount of sun and warmth.
- 2001 *Exotic & Greenhouse Gardening* June–July 72/2, I chose a site that received morning sunshine and bright, indirect light in the afternoon.

17. *trans.*

†**a.** To come into or be presented with possession of (a town, country, etc.). *Obs.*

In later uses probably merging with senses in branch III.

- c1330 (▷ ?a1300) *Guy of Warwick* (Auch.) p. 560 (*MED*), Now is Tirri comen hom To resceiue his lond.
- ▷ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) VIII. 1974 (*MED*), Thei alle of on acord Him preiden..That he the lettre wel conceive And come his regne to receive.
- c1450 (▷ a1425) *Metrical Paraphr. Old Test.* (Selden) 12128 (*MED*), Ioram..full sone on one resaued his reme by ryȝt aray.
- 1569 R. GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 739 He..besieged a towne,..which when he had receyued,..he caused all the inhabitants cruelly to be put to death.
- 1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 139 His countrey and kingdome, quhilke..he receiuet sair oppressit be his nychtbouris.
- 1612 W. SHUTE tr. T. de Fougasses *Gen. Hist. Venice* II. 313 [The Venetian Commissioners] were come thither according to the Articles to receiue the Townes.
- 1693 W. WOTTON tr. L. E. Du Pin *New Hist. Eccl. Writers* VI. 108 Pepin..sent Fulradus, Abbot of S. Denys, to receive the Towns of the Pantapolis and Aemilia.
- 1762 E. FARNEWORTH tr. Machiavelli *Wks.* I. VI. 273 After the truce was concluded, the nuptials were celebrated betwixt Madam Bianca and the Count, who received the City of Cremona with her in dower.

†**b.** To take (a person) into one's custody, control, vicinity, etc. *Obs.*

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Luke xv. 27 Thi brodir is comen, and thi fadir hath slayn a fat calf, for he receyuede [L. *recepit*] him saf.
- a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) 22077 (MED), Þe deuil sal..vmbelai hir al bidene, Al in his weild hir to receiue.
- ?a1475 *Ludus Coventriae* 168 (MED), I am ful glad and fayn For to receyve my childe Agayn.
- 1513 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* I. v. 81 Romulus sall the peple ressaue and weild.
- 1568 (▸ ?a1513) W. DUNBAR *Poems* (1998) 250 The feind ressaif me, gif I le.
- 1611 *Bible* (A.V.) Psalms lxxv. 2 When I shall receiue the congregation, I will iudge vprightly.
- c1650 J. SPALDING *Memorialls Trubles Scotl. & Eng.* (1851) II. 321 To present thair soldiouris..in the lynkis, thair to be received be there capitanes.
- 1704 *Abridgem. Laws in Force & Use in Her Majesty's Plantations* 160 In case the Owner cannot be found, the Treasurer shall..receive the Slave, sell and transport him.
- 1792 A. LAW et al. *Decisions Court of Session* 369 The defender, it is true, received the child from her brother.

c. To obtain or acquire (some feature or attribute).

- 1546 G. JOYE *Refut. Byshop Winchesters Derke Declar.* f. clxxviii, Tell vs..whether, when Israell receiued hys mercifull promyse by faythe, he was not euen then taken to seruice, and receiued a newe herte.
- a1552 J. LELAND *Itinerary* (1710) I. 8 The Hedde of Avon Ryver visitith a litle sidenham of Gilesborow Village, and cummith by it there first receyving a botom.
- 1597 J. PAYNE *Royall Exchange* 19 As the corne must fyrst be sowen and dye in the yerthe before y^t receyve a new bodye, [etc.].
- 1628 R. GOMERSALL *Lodovick Sforza* III. iii. 34 Assist me, Hell, for I intend an Act, Which should your puny fiends but thinke vpon, Would make their blacker cheekes receiue a blush.
- 1679 I. NEWTON *Let.* 28 Feb. in *Corr.* (1960) II. 289 Ye rays of ye sun..ought..to receive a ply from ye denser æther.
- 1722 W. WOLLASTON *Relig. of Nature* v. 96 Trees receive annually their peculiar liveries, and bear their proper fruits.
- 1792 *Ann. Reg. 1789 Chron.* 232/2 About ten years ago she received a new set of teeth.
- 1880 T. HARDY *Fellow-townsmen* iv. 33 A window niche which had as yet received no frame.
- 1992 G. ALDERMAN *Mod. British Jewry* iii. 138 The Anglo-Jewish middle classes..received a new lease of life once the immigrant flow began to accelerate.

18. trans.

a. To have (some quality, attribute, or property) given, bestowed, or conferred on one. Also *intr.* with *of*.

- c1350 *Apocalypse St. John: A Version* (Harl. 874) (1961) 36 (MED), Þou art worþi to resceyue blis & worshipp & vertu.
- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds ix. 12 He sy3 a man..puttinge to hym hondis, that he receyue [L. *recipiat*] si3t.
- c1440 (▸ ?a1400) W. NASSINGTON *Tractus* (Thornton) 48 in G. G. Perry *Relig. Pieces in Prose & Verse* (1914) 64 (MED), We sall reschaife here The lighte of grace, þat gastely gifte es, Of þe.

- a1500 (▶ ?a1425) tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Lamb.) 58 (MED), Wyttes restyn hem, Curiosytez vanysshes away, and al þe body ressayues strynght.
- 1552 ABP. J. HAMILTON *Catech.* Pref., Quhilk hes ressaut the office of teching.
- 1651 T. HOBBS *Leviathan* II. xxvi. 138 They promise obedience, that they may receive life.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* IX. 109 Thou Centring receav'st from all those Orbs.
- 1684 J. BUNYAN *Pilgrim's Progress 2nd Pt.* II. 4 He..receiveth of the smiles and favours of him that is Judg of all.
- 1708 SWIFT *Sentiments Church of Eng.-man* i, in *Misc.* (1711) 115 Those who receive Orders must have some Vices to leave behind them when they enter into the Church.
- 1753 S. RICHARDSON *Hist. Sir Charles Grandison* IV. v. 45 If your mind..should then have received alteration.
- 1813 *Edinb. Rev.* Oct. 174 Such collections of stony fragments..receive the name of Moraines.
- 1883 *Catholic Dict. at Reception*, In many countries..bishops receive power as delegates of the Holy See..to absolve from the censure.
- 1930 J. H. JEANS *Universe around Us* (ed. 2) i. 29 They are generally of a faint, hazy appearance, and so have received the general name of 'nebulae'.
- 1977 *Bon Appétit* May 21/3 Harlot's Sauce... The story goes that this sauce received its racy name because it was a favorite of the ladies of the evening in Naples who could whip it up in short order between assignments.
- 2001 in W. E. Craighead & C. B. Nemeroff *Corsini Encycl. Psychol.* (ed. 3) II. 502 He received the title of distinguished research professor at York University in 1995.

b. In religious use, with reference to the Holy Spirit.

In quot. 1597 with reference to Christ.

- ▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds viii. 17 Thanne thei puttiden hondis on hem, and thei receyueden [L. *accipiebant*] the Hooly Gost.
- a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 19544 (MED), Þai praid for þam..þai suld receue [*Fairf.* resceiue, *Gött.* reciue] þe haligast.
- c1440 (▶ ?c1350) in G. G. Perry *Relig. Pieces in Prose & Verse* (1914) 27 (MED), Þis commandement ordaynes man to reschayfe þe Haly Gaste.
- 1549 H. LATIMER *2nd Serm. before Kynges Maiestie* 7th Serm. sig. Ccvii, Ther be new spirits start vp now of late, that saye after we haue receyued the spyryt, we cannot synne.
- 1597 R. HOOKER *Of Lawes Eccl. Politie* v. lvii. 128 We receiue Christ Iesus in baptime once as the first beginner..of our life.
- 1648 W. MONTAGU *Miscellanea Spiritualia* I. xix. §2 In our copying of this equality and imperturbation, we must profess with the Apostle, We have not received the Spirit of the World, but the Spirit which is of God.
- 1671 W. JOLE *Comfortable Words to Afflicted Consciences* ii. 44 Christ received the Spirit without measure.
- a1726 W. REEVES *14 Serm.* (1729) 346 Christ by His second insufflation reinspired the same Spirit, when breathing on His Apostles, He said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.
- 1762 J. WESLEY *Let.* 26 Nov. (1931) IV. 377 We have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- 1860 E. B. PUSEY *Minor Prophets* 128 Those sons and daughters of the sons of Zion, having received the

Spirit, prophesied, i.e. in divers tongues they spake of the heavenly mysteries.

1972 S. TUGWELL (*title*) Did you receive the Spirit?

2004 J. BEHR *Nicene Faith* II. vi. 315 Basil develops the idea of the Spirit as the 'form' of those who have received the Spirit by deploying various Pauline images.

19. *trans.*

a. To accept delivery of (something sent, esp. a letter); to be a recipient of.

▸ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Royal) Deeds xxviii. 21 Nether we han receyued [L. *accepimus*] lettres of thee from Judee, nether ony of britheren..spake ony yuel thing of thee.

1428 in R. T. Storey *Reg. T. Langley* (1959) 104 (MED), Please it your holy faderhood to wite that I have receyved your reverent lettres.

?1478 W. PASTON in *Paston Lett. & Papers* (2004) I. 649, I haue reseuyd of Alwedyr a lettyr.

a1500 (▸ ?a1425) tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Lamb.) 48 (MED), Dis Epistel ressayued [L. *excepta*], Alexander did after his consaill.

1530 J. PALSGRAVE *Lesclarcissement* 680/2, I receyved but one letter from my father sythe he went in to the countraye.

1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* v. ii. 5 Here receiue we, from our Father Stanlie, Lines of faire comfort.

1655 in M. V. Hay *Blairs Papers* (1929) 171, I haue neuer recaued on letter..since I departed from thence.

1695 W. CONGREVE *Love for Love* I. 9 He will forswear receiving a Letter from her, and at the same time, shew you her Hand upon the Superscription.

1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. II. 96 Arundel and Holland gave another kind of Reception to the Letters they Receiv'd.

1798 T. JEFFERSON *Writings* (1859) IV. 208 A letter is certainly received here by an individual from Talleyrand.

1804 W. BLAKE *Let. 22 June* in *Compl. Writings* (1969) 849, I write immediately on recieving [*sic*] the Above Information.

1888 MRS. H. WARD *Robert Elsmere* III. VI. xxxvii. 141 Elsmere received a characteristic letter from him.

1933 R. C. HUTCHINSON *Unforgotten Prisoner* xii. 386 Next day I received another communication.

1954 I. MURDOCH *Under Net* viii. 116 Dave said he already received more letters than he wanted and there was no sense in inviting yet more by pointless acts of correspondence.

1989 *Which?* July 355/1 Have you received any badly written or misleading forms and letters about the poll tax from your local authority?

2002 P. AUGER & J. PALMER *Rise of Player Manager* viii. 163 We received a letter from Alex..asking for a meeting to talk about 'getting back into the game' as he termed it.

b. To be provided with or given (something); to get or acquire from another or others. *Occas. intr.*

a1400 (▸ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) I. 16470 (MED), Wit his penis forth he lepe he had resaeuid [Gött. rescaued] are.

?a1450 (▸ a1400) *Siege Jerusalem* (Laud) 993 (MED), Pou schalt ride to Rome & receyue þe crowne.

1484 CAXTON tr. *Subtyl Historyes & Fables Esope* viii, The sellar..delyuerd the hors and receyued the xv.

ducattes.

- 1556 tr. J. de Flores *Histoire de Aurelio & Isabelle* sig. D3, Sins that I haue of yowre hignesse..so muche goode resauede.
- 1583 R. SEMPILL in J. Cranstoun *Satirical Poems Reformation* (1891) I. 365 Ane William Symson, ..Whome fra scho hes resavit a buike.
- 1608 T. HUDSON tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Ivdith* v. 74 in J. Sylvester *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* (new ed.) , Come all to Court, and there ye shall resauē A thousand gaines.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* v. 423 The Sun that light imparts to all, receives From all his alimantal recompence In humid exhalations.
- 1689 *Answer to Two Papers* 34 The very Money that is now receiving, was asked with Two Armies on Foot.
- 1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acct. E. Indies* I. vii. 74 Allow them as much Diet money as their own Soldiers receive.
- 1788 GIBBON *Decline & Fall* V. xlix. 133 The conquerors of the West would receive their crown from the successors of St. Peter.
- 1804 W. CRUISE *Digest Laws Eng. Real Prop.* III. 411 His mother..residing in one of them..and receiving rent for the others.
- 1869 W. W. SKEAT *Langland's Piers Plowman* B. xvii. 177 (*margin*) The palm unfolds the fist, and receives from the fingers.
- 1891 LD. ROSEBERY *Pitt* ix. 149 The essential point..is to receive in return the services for which the payment is made.
- 1927 S. T. WARNER *Mr. Fortune's Maggot* 29 Judged as trials of temper..they would have received very high marks.
- 1963 G. F. HERVEY *Handbk. Card Games* 285 He can twist: that is to say he elects to receive a card face upwards.
- 2003 A. N. LEBLANC *Random Family* xii. 122 She received a brown paper bag of hygienes—soap, toothpaste, deodorant—several changes of prison-issue clothes, an assignment to kitchen duty, and a cubicle.

c. To be the recipient of or obtain (an idea, a piece of news, information, etc.) by communication from another; to learn, ascertain from another.

- c1400 (▷ ?a1387) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Huntington HM 137) (1873) C. vi. 69 (*MED*), Some to synge masses, oþer sitten and wryte, Rede and receyue þat reson ouhte spende.
- c1460 *Tree & 12 Frutes* (McClellan) (1960) 57 (*MED*), Moyses..had talkid with oure lord and receyued his biddinges.
- a1500 (▷ c1477) T. NORTON *Ordinal of Alchemy* (BL Add.) (1975) 220 No man cowde yet this science reche But if god sende him a master hym to teche... Also he shalle..Receyve it with moste sacred dredfulle othe.
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) 1 Cor. xi. 23 That which I gave vnto you I receaved off the lorde.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* I. i. 164 Sometimes from her eyes I did receauē faire speechlesse messages.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Pericles* i. 43 Young Prince of Tyre, you haue at large receiued The danger of the taske you vndertake.
- 1674 J. RAY *Coll. Eng. Words* 139 The process of making Allom, as we partly saw, and partly received from

the Workmen.

- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. II. 86 To enjoyn..that no Presbyter should reveal any thing he should receive in Confession.
- 1748 B. ROBINS & R. WALTER *Voy. round World by Anson* II. iv. 169 On Mr. Anson's receiving any other intelligence.
- 1844 B. DISRAELI *Coningsby* II. v. viii. 308 This Prince..of whom we receive accounts so conflicting.
- 1893 *Weekly Notes* 28 68/2 The date at which he received notice of the receiving order.
- 1919 M. MITCHELL *Let.* 15 Nov. in *Dynamo going to Waste* (1985) 48, I have specialed, wired, and sent night letters but have received absolutely no answer.
- 1999 R. DEAKIN *Waterlog* (2000) xxix. 281 An old man with a metal detector and trowel..was clutching his headphones excitedly, as though receiving news of a lottery win.

20. trans.

a. To have (a blow, wound, etc.) inflicted or made on one (or *in* some part of the body); to be the recipient of (a specified injury).

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) 2 Cor. xi. 24, I reseyuede [L. *accepī*] of the Jewis fyue sythis fourty strokis oon lesse.
- c1400 (‣ ?c1390) *Sir Gawain & Green Knight* (1940) 2076 (MED), His wyze..schulde teche hym to tourne to þat tene place Per þe ruful race he schulde resayue.
- a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll.) 989 Thou hast ressayved a wounde, for thou were never worthy to handyll hit [sc. a sword].
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) Rev. xiii. 16 He made all..to receive a marke in their right hondes.
- 1548 *Hall's Vnion: Henry IV* f. xxviii^v, The earle receiued such a wound in his head that he departed out of this world.
- 1598 A. M. tr. J. Guillemeau *Frenche Chirurg.* I. v. f. 8^v/1, Hippocrates..reciteth to have cured a certayne personage, which had received a shot with an arrowe.
- a1671 T. FAIRFAX *Short Mem.* (1699) 54 Here I received a shot in the wrist of my arm, which made the bridle fall out of my hand.
- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* I. 162 This Kiaya..after a long fight, received a thrust with a Pike in the Belly.
- 1760 L. STERNE *Life Tristram Shandy* I. xxv. 176 The wound in my uncle Toby's groin, which he received at the siege of Namur.
- 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 282/1 Excision will be of use a considerable time after the bite is received.
- 1860 TENNYSON *Sea Dreams* 157, I stood like one that had received a blow.
- 1898 *Daily News* 25 Feb. 3/2 One man's thigh was broken, another received a broken jaw.
- 1929 *Evening News* 18 Nov. 14/3 He received his injuries as the result of a blow-back in one of the boilers when pulverised fuel was being lit.
- 1962 I. MURDOCH *Unofficial Rose* III. xv. 140 As he began to rise he received a sudden blow on the shoulder.
- 2001 P. P. READ *Alice in Exile* (2002) I. xii. 97 Alice had been standing, but now she staggered as if she had received a blow.

†**b.** Of a ship: to spring (a leak). *Obs.*

- 1578 G. BEST *True Disc. Passage to Cathaya* III. 39 The Fleeboate called the Moone, was here heued about the water..and receiued a great leake therby.
- 1595 *Drake's Voy.* (1849) 25 The Hope received a leake and was forced to go from the fleete, to an iland.
- 1613 W. SHUTE tr. J. J. Orlers *Triumphs of Nassau* 75 [The ship] was shot, and receyued a leake.
- 1628 *World Encompassed by Sir F. Drake* 68 Our ship hauing receiued a leake at sea, was brought to-anchor neerer the shoare.
- 1701 J. PRINCE *Danmonii Orientales Illustres* 239 The General's Ship having received a Leak at Sea, they hal'd her neerer the Shoar.

c. To come in the way of and suffer from (a missile, gun, etc.); to suffer (an electric shock).

- 1596 H. SAVILE *Meeting in Libell Spanish Lies* 42 What became of the rest of their fleet we know not, but true it was that they were in great distresse mightily beaten and torne, by hauing receiued many Bullets from vs.
- 1610 P. HOLLAND tr. W. Camden *Brit.* 591 King Henrie the Second..had beene shot therewith quite through the body, had not Sir Hubert Syncter..to save the King received both the arrow and his deaths wound withall.
- 1716 POPE tr. Homer *Iliad* II. v. 712 His bended Arm receiv'd the falling Stone.
- 1768 *Distress'd Lovers* 7 The coach was soon attacked by a single highwayman, who, on presenting his piece, received a brace of bullets, which killed him on the spot.
- 1805 A. DUNCAN *Brit. Trident* IV. 227 The boats..(after having beat the launch,..and receiving several guns and small arms from the frigate) boarded.
- 1844 DICKENS *Martin Chuzzlewit* lii. 598 Mr. Pecksniff started back as if he had received the charge of an electric battery.
- 1894 T. HARDY *Life's Little Ironies* 184 She would start from her seat in the chimney-corner as if she had received a galvanic shock, and spring convulsively towards the ceiling.
- 1950 C. S. FORESTER *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower* p. vi, The columns halted, swayed, received another smashing volley, and another, and fell back in ruin.
- 1990 *Field* Jan. 90/2 Both the keeper who missed a grey squirrel with his rimfire rifle, and the punctured hotel waiter who, almost a mile away, received the .22 bullet, have told me their accounts of this missile's trajectory.

21. trans. To have (a law, direction, etc.) imposed or laid on one; to get as a charge or instruction.

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Royal) 2 John 4, I foond of thi sones goynge in treuthe, as we receyueden [L. *accepimus*] maundement of the fadir.
- c1405 (▸ c1395) CHAUCER *Summoner's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 180 With empty wombe, fastynge many a day Receyued he the lawe that was writen With goddes fynger.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 2 Esdras ix. 36 We y^t haue receaued the lawe, perish in synne, and oure hert also which receaued the lawe.
- 1584 KING JAMES VI & I *Ess. Prentise Poesie* sig. Biiij, Two champions braue, With armies huge approaching to resaeue Thy will.

- 1604 E. GRIMESTON tr. J. de Acosta *Nat. & Morall Hist. Indies* v. xxv. 398 They received penance, yea sometimes very sharpely.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 2* (1623) II. iii. 3 Receiue the Sentence of the Law for sinne.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* II. 240 With what eyes could we Stand in his presence humble, and receive Strict Laws impos'd.
- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. iv. 357 Four Lords and eight Commoners,..who were allways to receive Instructions from Themselves.
- 1785 W. COWPER *Task* VI. 335 The total herd [of cattle] receiving..a summons to be gay.
- 1839 T. KEIGHTLEY *Hist. Eng.* II. 25 He reported the case and received directions from the prelate.
- 1875 B. JOWETT tr. Plato *Dialogues* (ed. 2) V. 82 No man likes to receive laws when they are first imposed.
- 1921 *Act 11 Geo. V c. 9 §4*, The Governor-General..shall..make a report through a Secretary of State to His Majesty in order to receive the directions of His Majesty thereon.
- 1956 W. S. CHURCHILL *Hist. Eng.-speaking Peoples* II. IV. v. 55 Anne received the sentence with calm and courage. She declared that if the King would allow it she would like to be beheaded like the French nobility, with a sword, and not, like the English nobility, with an axe.
- 2000 T. CLANCY *Bear & Dragon* lvii. 915 Task Force 77 had been holding station east of the Formosa Strait until receiving orders to race west.

COMPOUNDS

attrib. Designating the receiving mode, controls, etc., of a radio or telecommunication system. Cf. RECEIVE *n.*

- 1906 T. E. HERBERT *Telegraphy* vi. 226 This is, then, the function of the 'send' and 'receive' switch fixed upon the left side of the key-handle.
- 1920 *Wireless World* 7 Aug. 356/1 A send-receive switch.
- 1970 *New Scientist* 24 Dec. 554/3 The Applications Technology Satellite 3..provided two transmit and two receive voice channels.
- 1992 *MacWorld* June 168/3 The cable's send and receive lines are crossed so that the send line hooks into the receive portion of each port and vice versa.
- 2000 J. J. CONNOLLY *Layer Cake* (2004) 169 My phone rings... It's a land-line number, maybe it's Geno. I push the receive button.

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