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—noun

1. the act of **publishing** a book, periodical, map, piece of music, engraving, or the like.
2. the act of bringing before the **public**; announcement.
3. the state or fact of being **published**.
4. something that is **published**, especially a periodical.

Origin:

1350–1400; Middle English *publicacioun* < Latin *pūblicātiōn-* (stem of *pūblicātiō*) a making public, confiscation, equivalent to *pūblicāt* (*us*) (past participle of *pūblicāre* to make **public**) + *-iōn-* **-ion**

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World English Dictionary

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— n

1. the act or process of publishing a printed work
2. any printed work offered for sale or distribution
3. the act or an instance of making information public
4. **libel** See **slander** the act of disseminating defamatory matter, esp by communicating it to a third person

[C14: via Old French from Latin *pūblicātiō* confiscation of an individual's property, from *pūblicāre* to seize and assign to public use]

