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n.

1. Dealings or communications between persons or groups.
2. Sexual intercourse.

[Middle English *entercours*, commercial dealings, from Old French *entrecours*, from Latin *intercursus*, a running between, interposition, from past participle of *intercurrere*, to mingle with : *inter-*, *inter-* + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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