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4 ENTRIES FOUND

- request
- request note
- letters of request

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¹re·quest *noun* \ri-'kwest\ : an act of politely or formally asking for something : something (such as a song) that a person asks for

Full Definition of REQUEST

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- 1 : the act or an instance of asking for something
 - 2 : something asked for <granted her *request*>
 - 3 : the condition or fact of being requested <available on *request*>
 - 4 : the state of being sought after : DEMAND
- See request defined for English-language learners »
See request defined for kids »

Examples of REQUEST

They made a *request* to begin work immediately.

She filed a formal *request* for more information.

(*At your request, I am enclosing a full refund of your* payment.)

Troops were sent *at the request* of our allies.

This next song is a *request* from one of our listeners.

Origin of REQUEST

Middle English *requeste*, from Anglo-French, from Vulgar Latin **requaesta*, from feminine of *requaestus*, past participle of *requaerere* to require

First Known Use: 14th century

Related to REQUEST

Synonyms

call, inquiry, query, question

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Rhymes with REQUEST

²request *verb*

: to ask for (something) in a polite or formal way

: to ask (someone) to do something in a polite or formal way

Full Definition of REQUEST

transitive verb

- 1 : to make a request to or of <*requested* her to write a paper>
- 2 : to ask as a favor or privilege <*requests* to be excused>
- 3 *obsolete* : to ask (a person) to come or go to a thing or place
- 4 : to ask for <*requested* a brief delay>

— *re·quest·er* or *re·quest·or* *noun*

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Examples of REQUEST

The governor will *request* that the legislature raise taxes.

Gentlemen are *requested* to wear a jacket and tie.



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This is not the kind of behavior I *expected* of you.

Origin of EXPECT

Latin *expectare* to look forward to, from *ex-* + *spectare* to look at, frequentative of *specere* to look — more at SPY

First Known Use: 1560

Related to EXPECT

Synonyms

anticipate, await, hope (for), watch (for), look for, look forward to

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Synonym Discussion of EXPECT

EXPECT, HOPE, LOOK mean to await some occurrence or outcome. EXPECT implies a high degree of certainty and usually involves the idea of preparing or envisioning <expects to be finished by Tuesday>. HOPE implies little certainty but suggests confidence or assurance in the possibility that what one desires or longs for will happen <hopes to find a job soon>. LOOK, with *to*, implies assurance that expectations will be fulfilled <looks to a tidy profit from the sale>; with *for* it implies less assurance and suggests an attitude of expectancy and watchfulness <look for rain when the wind shifts to the northeast>.

ex·pect *verb* \ɪk-'spekt\

- ✓ : to think that something will probably or certainly happen
- : to think that (someone or something) will arrive or that (something) will happen
- ✓ : to consider (something) to be reasonable, required, or necessary

Full Definition of EXPECT

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intransitive verb

1 *archaic*: WAIT, STAY

2 : to look forward

3 : to be pregnant : await the birth of one's child —used in progressive tenses <she's *expecting* next month>

transitive verb

1 *archaic*: AWAIT

2 : to anticipate or look forward to the coming or occurrence of <we *expect* them any minute now> <*expected* a telephone call>

3 : SUPPOSE, THINK

4 a : to consider probable or certain <*expect* to be forgiven> <*expect* that things will improve>

b : to consider reasonable, due, or necessary <*expected* hard work from the students>

c : to consider bound in duty or obligated <they *expect* you to pay your bills>

— *ex·pect·able* *adjective*

— *ex·pect·ably* *adverb*

— *ex·pect·ed·ly* *adverb*

— *ex·pect·ed·ness* *noun*

🔍 See *expect* defined for English-language learners »
See *expect* defined for kids »

Examples of EXPECT

As *expected*, the election was very close.

It's *expected* that the new products will be available next month.

Prices are *expected* to rise.

He's opposed to the new law, as you might *expect*.

Good things sometimes happen when you least *expect* them.

I'm *expecting* a phone call.

The *expected* delivery date is next month.

He's a teacher who *expects* hard work from his students.

We *expected* more from you.



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6 ENTRIES FOUND

- necessary
- necessary condition
- necessary deposit

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¹nec-es-sary *adjective* \ne-sə-ser-ē\

- : so important that you must do it or have it : **absolutely needed**
- : unable to be changed or avoided

Full Definition of NECESSARY

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- 1** : absolutely needed : **REQUIRED**
 - 2 a** : of an inevitable nature : **INESCAPABLE**
 - b** (1) : logically unavoidable (2) : that cannot be denied without contradiction
 - c** : determined or produced by the previous condition of things
 - d** : **COMPULSORY**
- See necessary defined for English-language learners »
See necessary defined for kids »

Examples of NECESSARY

- Is it really *necessary* for me to have surgery?
- The threat of a thunderstorm made it *necessary* to cancel the picnic.
- It's not *necessary* to wear a tie.
- Food is *necessary* for life.
- We had all the *necessary* ingredients.
- She took the medicine only *when absolutely necessary*.
- Higher prices are a *necessary consequence* of the company's new services.
- Some say that Hvorostovsky's Don Giovanni lacks the *necessary* menace; others find that he tosses his mane about too flamboyantly. —Francine Du Plessix Gray, *New Yorker*, 22 Sept. 2003

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Origin of NECESSARY

Middle English *necessarie*, from Latin *necessarius*, from *ne*- not + *cedere* to withdraw — more at NO

First Known Use: 14th century

Related to NECESSARY

- Synonyms
- compulsory, forced, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory, required

Antonyms

- elective, optional, voluntary

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Rhymes with NECESSARY

actuary, adversary, airy-fairy, ancillary, antiquary, apiary, arbitrary, aviary, axillary, bacillary, beriberi, bestial, biliary, black r...

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²nec-es-sary *noun* \ne-sə-ser-ē\

necessaries : things (such as food, a place to live, and clothing) that you must have : necessary things

the necessary : whatever is needed for some purpose

plural **nec-es-sar-ies**

Full Definition of NECESSARY

- : an indispensable item : **ESSENTIAL**
- See necessary defined for English-language learners »

Examples of NECESSARY

- <a modest income that provided the family with only the *necessaries* of life>
- "I thoroughly understand you," cried Mrs. Norris, "... My dear Sir Thomas, with all my faults I have a warm heart; and, poor as I am, would rather deny myself the *necessaries* of life than do an ungenerous thing." —Jane Austen, *Mansfield Park*, 1814

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Origin of NECESSARY

(see ¹NECESSARY)
First Known Use: 14th century

Related to NECESSARY

Synonyms

- condition, demand, must, must-have, essential, necessity, need, needful, requirement, requisite, sine qua non

Antonyms

- nonessential, nonnecessity

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