

call

1. [кэ:l] *n*
 1. крик
 - loud call - громкий выкрик
 - call for help - крик о помощи
 2. крик, голос (*животного, птицы*)
 - the call of the cuckoo - крик кукушки
 - the call of the nightingale - пение соловья
 3. зов; оклик
 - within call - поблизости, рядом, неподалёку; в пределах слышимости
 - to be within call - быть рядом; быть при ком-л. (*для выполнения поручения и т. п.*)
 - out of call - далеко; вне пределов слышимости
 4. 1) сигнал; звонок; свисток; «дудка» (*на корабле*); сбор (*барабанный*)
 - radio call, call sign /signal/ - *радио* позывной сигнал
 - distress call - сигнал бедствия
 - call letters - *радио* позывные
 - call to quarters - *воен.* сигнал повестки
 - 2) *охот.* манок, вабик (*для приманки птиц*)
5. переключка
 - call of the House - переключка (*в алфавитном порядке*) членов палаты общин (*в Великобритании*) или членов палаты представителей (*в США*) [*см. тж.* 7, 1)]
 - call of the States - *амер.* переключка (*в алфавитном порядке*) штатов при голосовании на съезде партии
6. призыв
 - a call for peaceful coexistence - призыв к мирному сосуществованию
 - he answered the call of the country - он откликнулся на призыв родины
 - call to arms - призыв к оружию; призыв под знамёна
7. 1) вызов (*в суд и т. п.*); (официальное) приглашение на работу, должность *и т. п.*, предложение занять должность *и т. п.*
 - to issue a call to smb. to attend - прислать кому-л. повестку о явке
 - to issue a call for a meeting to be held - разослать извещение о том, что состоится собрание
 - he accepted the call to the chair of physics - он принял предложение возглавить кафедру физики
 - call of the House - вызов всех членов парламента (*для голосования по важным вопросам*) [*см. тж.* 5]
- 2) созыв (*совещания и т. п.*)
- 3) *амер.* решение национального комитета партии о созыве съезда для выдвижения кандидатур
8. телефонный вызов, звонок или разговор (*тж.* telephone call)
 - to make a call - позвонить по телефону [*ср. тж.* 11, 1)]
 - to put a call through - соединить (*по телефону*)
 - to take the call - а) ответить на телефонный звонок, взять трубку; б) принять заказ, вызов *и т. п.* (*по телефону*)
 - he got /had received/ a phone call - ему позвонили
9. *театр.*
 - 1) вызов (*аплодисментами на сцену*)
 - to take a call - выходить на аплодисменты, раскланиваться
 - she had nine calls - её вызывали девять раз, она девять раз выходила раскланиваться
 - 2) *амер.* прослушивание; репетиция
 - 3) объявление о времени репетиции
10. 1) зов; тяга, влечение
 - the call of the wild [of the sea] - зов природы [моря]
 - the call of nature - *эвф.* отправление естественных потребностей
- 2) призвание
 - to feel a call to smth. - чувствовать призвание /склонность/ к чему-л.
11. 1) визит, посещение; приход
 - courtesy call - визит вежливости
 - return call - ответный визит
 - social call - а) светский визит, посещение знакомых; б) *дип.* протокольный визит
 - to make calls - делать /наносить/ визиты [*ср. тж.* 8]
 - to pay a call - нанести визит
 - to return smb. a call - нанести кому-л. ответный визит
 - to receive a call - принимать (гостя, посетителя)
 - to attend a professional call - поехать на вызов
 - I have several calls to make - мне нужно зайти в несколько мест
- 2) заход (*корабля в порт*)
 - place [port] of call - место [порт] захода
- 3) остановка (*поезда на станции*)
12. 1) требование
 - at call - наготове, к услугам, в (*чём-л.*) распоряжении, под рукой [*ср. тж.* 4)]
 - to be ready at call - быть наготове /настороже/; ≅ быть готовым сделать (*что-л.*) по первому требованию
 - on call - по требованию, по вызову [*ср. тж.* 3) и 4)]
 - he has many calls on his money - к нему постоянно обращаются за деньгами
 - I have too many calls on my time - я слишком перегружен обязанностями, у меня совсем нет свободного времени

call of duty - а) служебный долг; at the call of duty, at duty's call - по долгу службы; merit beyond the call of duty - проявленный героизм; б) чувство долга

2) **эк.** спрос (*на товар*)

to have the call - пользоваться спросом

3) **фин., ком.** требование уплаты долга, очередного взноса *и т. п.*

on call - на онкольном счёте [*ср. тж.* 1) и 4)]

loan at /on/ call, money on call - ссуда до востребования

4) **воен.** заявка, требование вызов

call for action - а) боевая тревога; б) призыв к действию /к борьбе/

at /on/ call - по вызову; по требованию [*ср. тж.* 1) и 3)]

call for men - запрос на подкрепление в личном составе

call for fire - вызов огня (*своего*)

13. **полномочие; право**

to have/to get/ a call upon smth. - пользоваться (преимущественным) правом на что-л.

to have no call on smb. - не иметь никаких прав на чью-л. помощь /поддержку/

he had no call to do that - он не имел права это делать

14. **нужда, необходимость**

I don't know what call she had to blush so - я не знаю, что заставило её так покраснеть

there is no call for you to worry - у вас нет никаких оснований тревожиться

15. **бирж.**

1) **предварительная премия; опцион**

2) **сделка с предварительной премией**

16. **карт.** объявление (*козырной масти*)

17. **церк.** предложение прихода, места пастора

18. **вчт.** вызов (*подпрограммы*), обращение (*к подпрограмме*)

recursive call - рекурсивное обращение

subroutine call - вызов подпрограммы, обращение к подпрограмме

call by pattern - вызов по образцу

◇ call to the bar - присвоение звания барристера

a close call - **амер.** опасное /рискованное/ положение; ≅ на волосок от гибели

it was a close call - ≅ еле-еле унёс ноги, чудом спасся

as the call, so the echo - **посл.** как аукнется, так и откликнется

2. [кэ:] **v**

1. **кричать, закричать**

I thought I heard someone calling - мне показалось, что кто-то кричит

he called after her - он крикнул ей вслед

2. 1) **звать, позвать; подзвать (тж. call over); окликать**

to call the waiter over - подзвать официанта

he is in the next room, call him - он в соседней комнате, позовите /кликните/ его

did you call? - вы меня звали?

he called to her - он крикнул ей /окликнул её/

the bell called to dinner - звонок позвал к обеду

2) **будить, разбудить**

it's too early to call him - ещё рано его будить

3. **называть; звать**

what is this thing called? - как называется этот предмет?

what do you call this flower? - как называется этот цветок?

what do you call this in English? - как это по-английски?

she is called Mary - её зовут Мери

his name is Richard but everybody calls him Dick - его имя Ричард, но все называют его Диком

he was called after his uncle - его нарекли в честь дяди

to call things by their proper names - называть вещи своими именами

to call smb. names - оскорблять /обзывать/ кого-л.

4. **выкликать; громко читать список и т. п.**

when names were called - во время переключки

to call a cause - объявлять о слушании дела (*в суде*)

5. **созывать**

to call a meeting - созвать собрание

to call Parliament - созвать /собрать/ парламент

6. 1) **вызывать; звать (к себе), приглашать:**

to call a taxi - вызвать такси

to call a doctor - пригласить /вызвать/ врача

you will be the next called in - следующим вызовут вас

2) **вызывать, давать сигнал, сигнализировать**

the ship was calling us by wireless - судно вызывало нас по радио

3) **вызывать (откуда-л.; тж. call out)**

a shot called me out - выстрел заставил меня выбежать из дома

the fire-brigade was called out twice last night - прошлой ночью пожарную команду вызывали два раза

4) **юр.** вызывать (*в суд и т. п.*)

7. 1) (on, upon, into, to) призывать; взывать, обращаться
 to call on all honest people to support peace - призывать всех честных людей отстаивать дело мира
 to call to mind - вспоминать, припоминать
 I can't call her telephone number to mind - я не могу вспомнить номер её телефона
 to call to order - а) призвать к порядку; the chairman had to call the meeting to order - председателю пришлось призвать собравшихся к порядку; б) **амер.** открывать, собрание; the meeting is called to order, I call the meeting to order - объявляю собрание открытым
 to call to witness - а) ссылаться на кого-л.; призывать кого-л. в свидетели; б) **юр.** вызывать /указывать/ свидетеля
 to call to account - призвать к ответу; привлечь к ответственности потребовать отчёта /объяснений/
 to call to attention - а) обращать (чьё-л.) внимание на (что-л.); б) **воен.** дать команду «смирно»
 to call to the gods - взывать к богам
 to call to penance - **церк.** призывать к покаянию
- 2) (on, upon) предоставлять слово; вызывать на трибуну
 the chairman called upon Mr. B. to speak - председатель предоставил слово г-ну Б.
 to speak without being called upon - высказываться без приглашения *или* без предоставления слова
- 3) (on, upon) вызывать учащегося ответить на вопрос преподавателя
 the teacher always called on her first - учитель всегда спрашивал её первой
- 4) (on, upon, to) **pass** быть призванным; чувствовать призвание, потребность
 to be called to smth. - почувствовать призвание к чему-л.
 he felt called upon to speak - он счёл необходимым выступить, он считал себя не вправе промолчать
- 5) (on, upon, to) **pass** быть вынужденным
8. объявлять; оглашать
 to call a strike - объявить забастовку
 to call the banns - огласить имена вступающих в брак, объявить о предстоящем бракосочетании
 you call now - **карт.** вам объявлять (*масть и т. п.*)
9. (**тж.** call in, call by)
- 1) (**обыкн.** in, at, on, round) навещать; посещать, приходить в гости, с визитом; заходить, заглядывать, завернуть (*куда-л.*)
 I was out when he called - когда он заходил, меня не было дома
 call in this evening if you can - если можете, заходите сегодня вечером
 I called on Mr. Smith at his office - я посетил мистера Смита в его конторе
 our new neighbours called at our house last week - наши новые соседи приходили к нам /были у нас/ на прошлой неделе
 the Ambassador called on the Foreign Minister - посол нанёс визит министру иностранных дел
 call by - **разг.** заходить (ненадолго), заглядывать (*к кому-л.*)
 I'll call by if you don't mind - я зайду, если вы не возражаете
 we are alone most of the time, very few people call by - мы большей частью одни, у нас редко кто бывает
- 2) (in, at) заходить (*о корабле*)
 does this steamer call at Naples? - этот пароход заходит в Неаполь?
- 3) (in, at) останавливаться (*о транспорте*)
 few trains call at A. - редкий поезд останавливается в А.
10. (for)
- 1) заходить (*за чем-л., кем-л.*)
 I'll call for you at six - я зайду за вами в шесть (часов)
 she will call for the parcel - она зайдёт за свёртком
 to be called for - до востребования (*надпись на письме*)
- 2) (громко) требовать
 a man called for a glass of beer - человек потребовал кружку пива
 he called for help - он позвал на помощь
 the minister's resignation was called for by everybody - все потребовали отставки министра
- 3) требовать, нуждаться (*в чём-л.*), предусматривать
 your plan will call for a lot of money - для осуществления вашего плана потребуется много денег
 the occasion calls for quick action - в данном случае требуется быстрота действий
 the negotiations call for great tact - переговоры требуют большого такта
- 4) **pass** требоваться, быть нужным, уместным
 a correction is called for here - тут требуется поправка
 your remark was not called for - ваше замечание было неуместно
- 5) вызывать (*актёра*)
11. звонить *или* говорить по телефону
 he called me from New York - он позвонил мне (по телефону) из Нью-Йорка
 we called them to say that ... - мы сообщили им по телефону что ...
 did anyone call? - мне кто-нибудь звонил?
 to call back - позвонить по телефону (в ответ на звонок)
 I'll call you back - я вам потом позвоню
12. считать, рассматривать; (пред)полагать
 do you call English an easy language? - и вы считаете английский язык лёгким?
 I call this a very good house - по-моему, это прекрасный дом
 I call that a shame - по-моему, это возмутительно
 they call it ten miles - считается, что здесь десять миль
 he calls him his son - он считает его своим сыном; он относится к нему как к родному сыну
 the results of the conference are called satisfactory - считают, что конференция дала положительные результаты
13. **шотл.** гнать (*стадо, повозку и т. п.*); погонять, понукать

14. **охом.** вабить, приманивать птиц

◇ to call in /into/ question, to call into doubt - сомневаться, ставить под сомнение

to call into being - создать, вызвать к жизни

the plant was called into being by war requirements - завод был построен по военным соображениям

to call into play - приводить в действие, пускать в ход

the case called every faculty of the doctor into play - заболевание потребовало от врача напряжения всех его сил и способностей

it calls for a celebration! - это (дело) надо отметить

to call the score - **спорт.** вести /объявлять/ счёт

to call to the bar - принимать (кого-л.) в корпорацию барристеров

to call in evidence - вызывать в суд для дачи показаний

to call cousins - ≅ набиваться в родственники

to call the tune /the play/ - распоряжаться; задавать тон

to call an election - назначить выборы

to call it a day - прекратить какое-л. дело

let's call it a day - на сегодня хватит, пора кончать

to call it square - удовлетвориться, примириться

to call off all bets - **амер.** умереть

to call over the coals - бранить, отчитывать

you will be called over the coals for your conduct - вам достанется /попадёт/ за ваше поведение

to call smb.'s bluff **см.** bluff I, 1, 1)

deep calls unto deep - **библ.** бездна бездну призывает

to have nothing to call one's own - не иметь гроша за душой; ≅ ни кола ни двора

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call [call calls called calling] verb, noun BrE [kɔːl] ^m NAmE [kɔːl] ^m

verb

GIVE NAME

1. transitive to give sb/sth a particular name; to use a particular name or title when you are talking to sb

- ~ **sb/sth + noun** They decided to call the baby Mark.
- His name's Hiroshi but everyone calls him Hiro.
- What do they call that new fabric?
- ~ **sb** They called their first daughter after her grandmother.
- We call each other by our first names here.

see also ↑called

DESCRIBE

2. transitive to describe sb/sth in a particular way; to consider sb/sth to be sth

- ~ **sb/sth + noun** I wouldn't call German an easy language.
- Are you calling me a liar?
- He was in the front room, or the lounge or whatever you want to call it.
- I make it ten pounds forty-three you owe me. Let's call it ten pounds.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** Would you call it blue or green?

3. transitive ~ **yourself + noun** to claim that you are a particular type of person, especially when other people question whether this is true

- Call yourself a friend? So why won't you help me, then?
- She's no right to call herself a feminist.

SHOUT

4. intransitive, transitive to shout or say sth loudly to attract sb's attention

- I thought I heard somebody calling.
- ~ **(out) to sb (for sth)** She called out to her father for help.
- ~ **(sth) out** He called out a warning from the kitchen.
- ~ **sth** Did somebody call my name?
- + **speech** 'See you later!' she called.

5. transitive, intransitive ~ **(sb)** to ask sb to come by shouting or speaking loudly

- Will you call the kids in for lunch?
- Did you call?

TELEPHONE

6. transitive to ask sb/sth to come quickly to a particular place by telephoning

- ~ **sb/sth** to call the fire department/the police/a doctor/an ambulance
- The doctor has been called to an urgent case.
- I'll call a taxi for you.
- ~ **sb sth** I'll call you a taxi.

7. intransitive, transitive to telephone sb

- I'll call again later.
- ~ **sb/sth** I called the office to tell them I'd be late.

- My brother called me from Spain last night.

ORDER SB TO COME

- 8. transitive, usually passive + adv./prep. (formal)** to order sb to come to a place
- Several candidates were called for a second interview.
 - The ambassador was called back to London by the prime minister.
 - He felt called to the priesthood (= had a strong feeling that he must become a priest).

VISIT

- 9. intransitive (especially BrE)** to make a short visit to a person or place
- I'll call round and see you on my way home.
 - ~ **on sb** Let's call on John.
 - ~ **to do sth** He was out when I called to see him.

MEETING/STRIKE, ETC.

- 10. transitive ~ sth** to order sth to happen; to announce that sth will happen
- to **call a meeting/an election/a strike**

OF BIRD/ANIMAL

- 11. intransitive** to make the cry that is typical for it

IN GAMES

- 12. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to say which side of a coin you think will face upwards after it is thrown
- to **call heads/tails**

IN DANCES

- 13. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to shout out the steps for people performing a **square dance** or **country dance**
- more at** (be/get called) on the carpet **at** **carpet** n., bring/call sb/sth to mind **at** **mind** n., he who pays the piper calls the tune **at** **pay** v., the pot calling the kettle black **at** **pot** n., what-d'you-call-him/-her/-it/-them **at** **what**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	call
	BrE /kɔːl/
	NAmE /kɑːl/
he / she / it	calls
	BrE /kɔːlz/
	NAmE /kɑːlz/
past simple, past participle	called
	BrE /kɔːld/
	NAmE /kɑːld/
-ing form	calling
	BrE /kɔːlɪŋ/
	NAmE /kɑːlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Old English ceallian, from Old Norse **kalla** 'summon loudly'.

Thesaurus:

call verb

1. T

- They decided to call the baby Mark.

name • • **entitle** • • **dub** • • **nickname** • • **christen** • • **address** • |**formal term** • • **designate** • |**sometimes disapproving label** • • **brand** •

call/name/dub/nickname/christen sb **Mary, Ali, etc.**

call/dub/nickname sb **captain, the wizard, etc.**

call/address sb **by** their full name, their first name, etc.

address/designate/label/brand sb/sth **as** sth

2. T

- I wouldn't call German an easy language.

describe • • **consider** • • **regard** • • **see** • • **view** • • **count** •

describe/consider/regard/see/view/count sb/sth **as** sth

call/describe/consider/regard/see/view/count/reckon **yourself** (as) sth

Call or describe? **Call** is used with a noun or adjective complement, without **as**. **Describe** is used with **as** and an adjective or a noun phrase. Adjectives are more frequent with **describe** than nouns: longer noun phrase are possible, but with shorter noun phrases use **call**:

- Jim was described by his colleagues as an unusual man.

- Are you calling me a liar?

✗ Are you describing me as a liar?

3. I, T

- He called out for help.

cry out (sth) • • shout • • yell • • scream • |written **exclaim** • • cry •

call/cry out/shout/yell/scream/exclaim/cry (sth) **to** sb

call/cry out/shout/yell/scream **for** sb/sth

4. T, I

• My sister called me from Spain last night.

dial • |especially AmE, informal **call sb up** • |especially BrE, formal **telephone** • |BrE, especially spoken **ring** • • **phone** •

call/telephone/ring/phone **from** somewhere

call/dial/telephone/ring/phone **a number/a hotline/the switchboard/reception**

call/telephone/ring/phone the **doctor/fire brigade/police/hospital**

Call, ring or phone? **Call** is the only one of these three words used in American English. **Ring** and **phone** are the most frequent words in spoken British English, but **call** is preferred in an emergency

• Call the police/fire brigade.

You **call/ring/phone** a person, place or institution; you **call a cab/a taxi/an ambulance** .

5. T

• He called a meeting to discuss the changes.

hold • • **have** • • **give** • • **host** • |formal **convene** •

call/hold/have/give/host/convene a **conference**

call/hold/have/convene a **meeting**

call/hold/have an **election**

British/American:

phone / call / ring

Verbs

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Synonyms:

call

cry out • **exclaim** • **blurt** • **burst out**

These words all mean to shout or say sth loudly or suddenly.

call • to shout or say sth loudly to attract sb's attention: ▪ I thought I heard someone calling.

cry out (sth) • to shout sth loudly, especially when you need help or are in trouble: ▪ She cried out for help. ◇ ▪ I cried out his name.

exclaim • to say sth suddenly and loudly, especially because of a strong emotion: ▪ 'It isn't fair! He exclaimed angrily.

blurt • to say sth suddenly and without thinking carefully enough: ▪ He ▪ blurted out ▪ the answer without thinking.

burst out • to say sth suddenly and loudly, especially with a lot of emotion: ▪ 'He's a bully! the little boy burst out.

to call/cry out/exclaim/blurt out (sth) **to** sb

to call/cry out **for** sth

to cry out/exclaim/blurt out/burst out **in/with** sth

to call/cry out/exclaim/blurt out/burst out **suddenly**

to call/cry out/exclaim/burst out **loudly**

Synonyms:

regard

call • **find** • **consider** • **see** • **view**

These words all mean to think about sb/sth in a particular way.

regard • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▪ He seemed to regard the whole thing as a joke.

call • to say that sb/sth has particular qualities or characteristics: ▪ I wouldn't call German an easy language.

find • to have a particular feeling or opinion about sth: ▪ You may find your illness hard to accept.

consider • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▪ Who do you consider (to be) responsible for the accident?

regard or consider?

These two words have the same meaning, but they are used in different patterns and structures. In this meaning **consider** must be used with a complement or clause: you can **consider sb/sth to be sth** or **consider sb/sth as sth**, although very often the **to be** or **as** is left out: ▪ He considers himself an expert. ◇ ▪ They are considered a high-risk group. You can also **consider that sb/sth is sth** and again, the **that** can be left out. **Regard** is used in a narrower range of structures. The most frequent structure is **regard sb/sth as sth**; the **as** cannot be left out: I regard him a close friend. You cannot regard sb/sth to be sth or regard that sb/sth is sth. However, **regard** (but not **consider** in this meaning) can also be used without a noun or adjective complement but with just an object and adverb (**sb/sth is highly regarded**) or adverbial phrase (**regard sb/sth with suspicion/jealousy/admiration**).

see • to have an opinion of sth: ▪ Try to see things from her point of view.

view • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▪ How do you view your position within the company?

View has the same meaning as **regard** and **consider** but is slightly less frequent and slightly less formal. The main structures are **view sb/sth as sb/sth** (you cannot leave out the **as**) and **view sb/sth with sth**.

to regard/consider/see/view sb/sth **as** sth

to regard/consider/see/view sb/sth **from** a particular point of view

to find/consider sb/sth **to be** sth

generally /usually regarded/considered/seen/viewed as sth

to regard/consider/view sb/sth **favourably/unfavourably**

Example Bank:

- Buenos Aires is often called the Paris of South America.
- Call us free/toll-free on this number.
- He called for help, but no one could hear.
- He is writing a novel, tentatively called 'My Future'.
- His friends affectionately call him 'Bear'.
- I'll call back later.
- Leave a message and I'll call you back.
- She called out in pain.
- The area was formerly called West Meadow.
- The prison is euphemistically called a 'rehabilitation centre'.
- The system is officially called the NPV System.
- We usually call him by his nickname.
- You could hardly call the show perfect, but it was successful.
- You should call ahead to make sure that seats are available
- a character whom the writer calls simply 'The Girl'
- a female penguin calling to her mate
- a plant variously called 'cow parsley' and 'Queen Anne's lace'
- a range of very small organisms, collectively called nanoplankton
- a tree variously called 'rowan' and 'mountain ash'
- soldiers killed by what is euphemistically called 'friendly fire'
- 'Don't forget what I said!' she called after him.
- Could you call by later today?
- Has anyone called the police?
- He called out a warning to her.
- He was in the front room, or the lounge, or whatever you want to call it.
- His name's Hiroshi but everyone calls him Hiro.
- I called round at the house to check how things were.
- I called the office to tell them I'd be late.
- I don't know anyone called Scott.
- I make it ten pounds forty-three you owe me. Let's call it ten pounds.
- I started to leave but they called me back again.
- I thought I heard someone calling.
- I wouldn't call German an easy language.
- I've forgotten what the firm he works for is called.
- My brother called me from Germany last night.
- She said she was very lonely and it was kind of them to call on her.
- The cuckoo called across the trees to its mate.
- The drivers were going to call a strike.
- The principal called a staff meeting to discuss the changes.
- We called but they were out.
- What's it called again? Yeah, that's right. A modem.
- What's their son called?

Idioms: ↑call a spade a spade ▪ ↑call it a day ▪ ↑call it quits ▪ ↑call of nature ▪ ↑call somebody names ▪ ↑call somebody to account ▪ ↑call somebody to order ▪ ↑call somebody's bluff ▪ ↑call something into play ▪ ↑call something into question ▪ ↑call the tune ▪ ↑call time ▪ ↑have first call ▪ ↑on call

Derived ↑call at ... ▪ ↑call back ▪ ↑call for somebody ▪ ↑call for something ▪ ↑call in ▪ ↑call on somebody ▪ ↑call somebody away ▪ ↑call somebody back ▪ ↑call somebody in ▪ ↑call somebody off ▪ ↑call somebody out ▪ ↑call somebody up ▪ ↑call something forth ▪ ↑call something in ▪ ↑call something off ▪ ↑call something up

noun

ON TELEPHONE

1. countable (also 'phone call) the act of speaking to sb on the telephone

- to **get/have/receive a call** from sb
 - to **give sb/to make a call**
 - Were there any calls for me while I was out?
 - I'll **take** (= answer) **the call** upstairs.
 - I left a message but he didn't **return my call**.
 - a **local call**
 - a **long-distance call**
- see also** ↑wake-up call

LOUD SOUND

2. countable a loud sound made by a bird or an animal, or by a person to attract attention

- the distinctive call of the cuckoo
- a call for help

VISIT

3. **countable** a short visit to sb's house
- The doctor has five calls to make this morning.
 - (old-fashioned) **to pay a call** on an old friend

REQUEST/DEMAND

4. **countable** ~ (for sth) a request, an order or a demand for sb to do sth or to go somewhere
- calls for the minister to resign
 - calls for national unity
 - This is the last call for passengers travelling on British Airways flight 199 to Rome.
 - (formal) a **call to arms** (= a strong request to fight in the army, etc.)
- see also** ↑curtain call
5. **uncountable** **no ~ for sth** | **no ~ (for sb) to do sth** no demand for sth; no reason for sb's behaviour
- There isn't a lot of call for small specialist shops nowadays.
6. **countable** ~ **on sb/sth** a demand or pressure placed on sb/sth
- She is a busy woman with many calls on her time.

OF A PLACE

7. **singular** ~ (of sth) (literary) a strong feeling of attraction that a particular place has for you
- the call of the sea/your homeland

TO A PARTICULAR JOB

8. **singular** ~ (to do sth) a strong feeling that you want to do sth, especially a particular job
- He felt the call of the priesthood early on in his life.

DECISION

9. **countable** (informal) a decision
- It's your call!
 - a **good/bad** call
 - That's a tough call.

IN TENNIS

10. **countable** a decision made by the ↑umpire
- There was a disputed call in the second set.

IN CARD GAMES

11. **countable** a player's ↑bid or turn to ↑bid
- more at** at sb's beck and call **at** ↑beck, a close call/shave **at** ↑close² adj.

Word Origin:

late Old English ceallian, from Old Norse **kalla** 'summon loudly'.

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Example Bank:

- Ask the receptionist to put your call through to my room.
- Campaigners have renewed their call for an independent inquiry.
- Could you get off the phone? I'm expecting a call.
- Drink-drive campaigners have renewed their call for the introduction of random breath tests.
- Give us a call to say when you have arrived
- He pushed the call button for the flight attendant.
- He received an urgent call and had to leave.
- He spent the whole day fielding calls from concerned parents.
- Her first call was on the local library.
- I ended the call as quickly as possible.
- I left a message but he didn't return my call.
- I made a call to a friend in London.
- I ordered a wake-up call for 6.30 the next morning.
- I'll just make a quick phone call.
- I'll take the call upstairs.
- It is unlikely that they will heed calls for a crackdown.

- Last night's defeat should be a wake-up call for the team.
- Our first port of call was the bank.
- She asked her secretary to place a call through to England.
- She made a frantic phone call to her mother.
- She placed an anonymous call to the Dutch Embassy in Dublin.
- She was out and missed an important call.
- She's out on a call.
- The book is a call to action.
- The charity issued a call for donations to assist victims of the earthquake.
- The doctor does not usually make house calls.
- The doctor has several calls to make this morning.
- The government has resisted the calls of the international community.
- The mosque was sounding the call to prayer.
- The police managed to trace the call.
- The president's speech was a call to arms to restore the vitality of the American dream.
- The screen display said '8 missed calls'.
- This election is a clarion call for our country to face the challenges of the new era.
- This is the last call for PAM flight 199 to Salvador.
- This is the last call for passengers travelling on British Airways flight 199 to Rome.
- We always make follow-up calls to ensure customer satisfaction.
- We're not supposed to make personal calls from work.
- When he went to Ethiopia, his first call was on the ambassador.
- You had a call from Fred.
- the bird's plaintive call
- the morning call to prayer
- Calls for national unity were ignored.
- He decided to pay a call on his old friend.
- I received an unexpected call from the police yesterday.
- I'm afraid this isn't a social call.
- The call of the barn owl is often described as a screech or scream.
- The doctor's out on a call at the moment.
- There have been calls for the minister to resign.
- a local/long distance call

See also: [↑phone call](#)

call

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I. **call**¹ **S1 W1** /kɔːl \$ kɒl/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: kalla]



1. TELEPHONE [intransitive and transitive] to telephone someone:

- " She calls her father every couple of days.
- " I'll call you soon.
- " What time did Tony call?

call a doctor/the police/a cab etc (=telephone someone and ask them to come to you)

- " I think we should call a doctor.
- " I'm gonna call the cops!

► Do not say 'call to someone'. Say **call someone**.

2. DESCRIBE [transitive] to use a word or name to describe someone or something in a particular way

call somebody something

- " Are you calling me a liar?
- " You may call it harmless fun, but I call it pornography.

call somebody names (=use insulting names for someone)

- " The other kids used to call me names, but I tried to ignore them.

3. HAVE A NAME [transitive] to have a particular name or title, or use a particular name or title for someone or something

be called something

- " Our son is called Matthew.
- " The arrow that appears on the screen is called a cursor.

call somebody something

- My name's Virginia, but my friends call me Ginny.
- Do you want to be called Miss or Ms?

call somebody by something

- I prefer to be called by my middle name.

4. GIVE SOMEBODY/SOMETHING A NAME [transitive] *especially British English* to give someone or something the name they will be known by in the future **SYN name** *American English*:

- What are you going to call the new puppy?

call somebody something

- They've decided to call the baby Louise.

5. ASK/ORDER BY SPEAKING [transitive] to ask or order someone to come to you

call somebody into/over/across etc

- Peter called the waitress over and ordered a large brandy.
- Marcie was called up to the principal's office.

6. ARRANGE [transitive] to arrange for something to happen at a particular time

call a meeting/strike/election etc

- The Security Council has called an emergency session to discuss the crisis.
- According to the law, the election must be called within the next two months.

7. SAY/SHOUT [intransitive and transitive] to say or shout something loudly so that someone can hear you:

- I heard someone calling in the distance.
- 'I'm coming!' she called down the stairs.
- Sheila was just sneaking out when her mother called her.
- She heard him call her name.

8. call yourself something to say that you are a particular type of person, although you do nothing to show this is true:

- How could Julian call himself a friend and then let me down so badly?

9. call the shots/tune *informal* to be in a position of authority so that you can give orders and make decisions:

- It was a job in which she was able to call the shots.

10. call it a day *informal* to decide to stop working, especially because you have done enough or you are tired:

- Come on, let's call it a day and go home.

11. call collect *American English* to make a telephone call that is paid for by the person who receives it **SYN reverse the charges** *British English*

12. READ NAMES [transitive] (also **call out**) to read names or numbers in a loud voice in order to get someone's attention:

- When I call your name, go and stand in line.

13. COURT [transitive usually passive] to tell someone that they must come to a law court or official committee

call somebody to do something

- They were called to give evidence at the trial.

14. call (something) into question to make people uncertain about whether something is right, good, or true:

- I feel that my competence is being called into question here.

15. be/feel called to do something to feel strongly that you should do something:

- He felt called to write to all his fellow investors, warning them of the impending crisis.

16. call somebody/something to order *formal* to tell people to obey the rules of a formal meeting

17. VISIT [intransitive] (also **call round** *British English*) to stop at a house or other place for a short time to see someone or do something:

- She called round for a chat.

call on somebody

- Let's call on James on the way home.

call (in) at something

- I regularly called in at his office for news.

call into something

- People often call into the library while they're out shopping.

18. call it £10/two hours etc *spoken* used to suggest a general figure rather than a more specific one, especially in order to make things simpler:

- 'I owe you £10.20.' 'Oh, call it £10!'

19. call it a draw if two opponents in a game call it a draw, they agree that neither of them has won ⇒ **call it quits** at ↑quits(2)

20. call it/things even *spoken* use this to say that someone who owes you something does not have to give you anything more than they have already given you

21. call (sb's) attention to

- a) to ask people to pay attention to a particular subject or problem:

- May I call your attention to item seven on the agenda?

- b) to make someone notice someone or something:

- I wanted to shout out to Ken, but I didn't want to call attention to myself.

22. call something to mind

- a) to remind you of something:

- Don't those two call to mind the days when we were courting?

- b) to remember something:

- I couldn't call to mind where I'd seen him before.

23. call a huddle *American English informal* to make people come together to talk about something

24. call time (on somebody/something) to say that it is time for something to finish or stop

25. TRAINS/SHIPS [intransitive] if a train, ship, bus etc calls at a place, it stops there for a short time **SYN stop**

This train calls at all stations to Broxbourne.

26. **COIN** [intransitive and transitive] to guess which side of a coin will land upwards when it is thrown in the air, in order to decide who will play first in a game:

▪ It's your turn to call.

27. **CARD GAME** [intransitive and transitive] to risk the same amount of money as the player who plays before you in a ↑poker game

⇒ ↑so-called, ⇒ call sb's bluff at ↑bluff²(2), ⇒ too close to call at ↑close²(8)

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COLLOCATIONS (for call for somebody/something Meaning 1)

■ call for + NOUN

- **call for an end to something** Demonstrators have called for an end to the fighting.
- **call for sb's resignation** Opposition parties called for the President's resignation.
- **call for action** The European Parliament have called for action on age discrimination.
- **call for a ban** French farmers have called for a ban on imports.
- **call for a boycott** In 1980 he called for a boycott of the Olympic Games.
- **call for a change** Scientists are calling for a change in the law.
- **call for an inquiry/investigation** Relatives have called for an inquiry into the causes of the plane crash.
- **call for a return to something** The Prime Minister called for a return to traditional Labour values.
- **call for reform** The Church has called for reform of the law.
- **call for the abolition of something** Human Rights groups have called for the abolition of the death penalty.
- **call for a ceasefire** (=for an end to a war) The United Nations called for an immediate ceasefire.

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THESAURUS

- **phone** to speak to someone by telephone. **Phone** is more common in British English than American English: I'll phone you tomorrow.
- **call** to phone someone. **Call** is used in both British and American English: One of the neighbors called the police. | Call me later.
- **ring** *British English spoken* to phone someone. **Ring** is more informal than **phone** or **call**: I can ring her at the office tomorrow.
- **give somebody a call** (also **give somebody a ring**) *spoken* to phone someone: If you ever come to Seattle, give me a call. | I'll give the hospital a ring and see how he is.
- **telephone** *formal* to phone someone: Angry listeners telephoned the BBC to complain.
- **Skype** /skaɪp/ *trademark* to make a telephone call using special software that allows you to make calls over the Internet: I Skyped her last night and we spoke for hours.

call back *phrasal verb*

1. **call (somebody) back** to telephone someone again, for example because they were not at home when you telephoned last time:

- I'll call back later.
- Can you ask John to call me back when he gets in?

2. **British English** to return to a place you went to earlier:

- You could call back to collect her at noon.

call by *phrasal verb*

to stop and visit someone when you are near the place where they live or work:

- I thought I'd call by and see how you were.

call down something *phrasal verb*

formal to ask for someone, especially a god, to make something unpleasant happen to someone or something

call down something on/upon

- He called down vengeance on them.

call for somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. if a group of people call for something, they ask publicly for something to be done:

- Human Rights groups are calling for the release of political prisoners.

2. to need or deserve a particular type of behaviour or treatment:

- Dealing with children who are so damaged calls for immense tact and sensitivity.
- That kind of abuse is really not called for (=it is unnecessary and unwelcome). ⇒ ↑uncalled for

3. **British English** to meet someone at their home in order to take them somewhere:

- I'll call for you at eight o'clock.

4. **American English** to say that a particular kind of weather is likely to happen **SYN predict**:

- The forecast calls for more rain.

call something ↔ forth *phrasal verb*

formal to produce a particular reaction:

- Great works of classical music can often call forth a mixture of responses from the listener.

call in *phrasal verb*

1. **call somebody/something ↔ in** to ask someone to come and help you with a difficult situation:

- The government then called in troops to deal with the disturbances.

2. to telephone somewhere, especially the place where you work, to tell them where you are, what you are doing etc:

- Rachael called in sick (=telephoned to say she was too ill to come to work).

3. to telephone a radio or television show to give your opinion or to ask a question:

- Over 2,000 viewers called in with complaints about the bad language used in the programme.

4. **call in a loan/debt** to officially tell someone to pay back money you lent them:

- The bank can call in the loan at any time.

5. **British English** to visit a person or place while you are on your way to somewhere else

call in on/at

- Could you call in on Mum on your way home?

call somebody/something ↔ off phrasal verb

1. to decide that a planned event will not take place **SYN cancel**:
" The trip to Italy might be called off.
2. to officially decide that something should be stopped after it has already started:
" Rescuers had to call off the search because of worsening weather conditions.
3. to order an animal or person to stop attacking or threatening someone:
" Call your dog off.

call on/upon somebody/something phrasal verb

1. to formally ask someone to do something
call on somebody to do something
" The UN has called on both sides to observe the ceasefire.
2. to visit someone for a short time:
" Why don't you call on my sister when you're in Brighton?

call out phrasal verb

1. to say something loudly
call something ↔ out
" 'Hi there! I'called out.
call out to
" The firemen called out to him.
2. **call somebody ↔ out** to ask or order a person or an organization to help, especially in a difficult or dangerous situation:
" The army was called out to help fight fires.
3. **call somebody/something ↔ out** *British English* to order workers to go on ↑strike:
" The transport workers were called out.

call up phrasal verb

1. *especially American English informal* to telephone someone
call somebody ↔ up
" He called me up to tell me about it.
" I'm going to call up and cancel my subscription.
2. **call something ↔ up** if you call up information on a computer, you make the computer show it to you:
" I called up their website, but it didn't have the information I was looking for.
3. **call somebody ↔ up** *British English* to officially order someone to join the army, navy, or air force **SYN draft** *American English*:
" I was called up three months after war broke out.
4. **call somebody ↔ up** to choose someone for a national sports team ⇒ **call-up**:
" Hurst was called up for the game against Mexico.
5. **call something ↔ up** to produce something or make it appear:
" She can call up the spirits of the dead.

II. call² S1 W1 BrE AmE noun

1. **TELEPHONE** [countable] when you speak to someone on the telephone

call for
" Were there any phone calls for me while I was out?

call from
" I received a call from an old friend last week.
" It's cheaper to make calls after 6 pm.
" I'll give you a call at the weekend.

2. **be on call** if someone such as a doctor or engineer is on call, they are ready to go and help whenever they are needed as part of their job:

" Don't worry, there's a doctor on call 24 hours a day.

3. **SHOUT/CRY** [countable]

a) a loud sound that a bird or animal makes **SYN cry**

call of
" the call of an owl

b) a shout that you make to get someone's attention

4. **VISIT** [countable] a visit, especially for a particular reason:

" Sorry, Doctor Pugh is out on a call at the moment.

pay/make a call (on somebody) (=visit someone)

5. **REQUEST/ORDER** [countable] a request or order for something or for someone to do something:

" Members obediently answered the calls for funds.

call for somebody to do something

" There have been calls for the secretary to resign.

a call to arms (=an order for people to fight against an enemy)

6. **DECISION**

a) [countable] the decision made by a ↑referee in a sports game

make a good/bad call

" There may have been a few bad calls, but they're making them for a reason.

b) [singular] *informal* a decision:

" Don't just say what you think I would like. It's your call.

make a call (=decide something)

an easy/hard call (=an easy or difficult decision)

- judgement call** (=a decision based on your personal judgement of a situation)
7. **there isn't much call for something** used for saying that not many people want a particular thing:
" There isn't much call for black and white televisions these days.
 8. **there is no call for something** *spoken* used to tell someone that their behaviour is wrong and unnecessary:
" There's no call for that kind of language!
 9. **AT AN AIRPORT** [**countable**] a message announced at an airport that a particular plane will soon leave:
" This is the last call for flight BA872 to Moscow.
 10. **have first call on something**
 - a) to have the right to be the first person to use something
 - b) to be the first person that you will help because they are important to you:
" Her children had first call on her time.
 11. **the call of something** *literary* the power that a place or way of life has to attract someone:
" the call of the sea
 12. **the call of nature** a need to ↑**urinate** (=pass liquid from your body) – used especially humorously
⇒ **be at sb's beck and call** at ↑**beck**(1), ⇒ ↑**port of call**, ↑**roll-call**, ↑**wake-up call**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **make a call** He made a few calls and then went out.
- **give somebody a call** (=phone someone) I'll give him a call later today.
- **get/have a call** (also **receive a call** *formal*) At 11 in the evening we got a call from the police.
- **there is/was a call** There was a phone call for you.
- **answer a call** We're sorry that we cannot answer your call right now.
- **take a call** (=answer one) Monica took the call upstairs.
- **return sb's call** (=call someone after they have tried to call you) I left a message for her but she didn't return my call.
- **expect a call** She's expecting a phone call from Matt.
- **transfer a call** (=connect one to another person's phone) The call was transferred to his secretary.
- **put through a call** (=transfer or make one) She asked the switchboard to put the call through.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + call

- **a phone/telephone call** I had a phone call from Barbara in Australia.
- **a quick call** This is just a quick call to make sure you're OK.
- **a local call** Local calls are free at weekends.
- **a long-distance call** I'd like to make a long-distance call.
- **an international call**
- **a collect call** *American English* (=one paid for by the person who receives it) Can I make a collect call to Florida, please?
- **incoming/outgoing calls** (=coming into or going out of a place) You have to dial 9 first to make an outgoing call.
- **an emergency call** (=to the police, fire service, or ambulance service) The police normally respond immediately to an emergency call.
- **a hoax call** (=one intended to trick someone) They received a hoax call warning of a bomb in the building.
- **an anonymous call** (=in which the caller does not give their name) The £10,000 demand was made in an anonymous call to his home.
- **a crank call** (=made by someone you do not know, as a joke or to annoy you) The heavy breathing sounded like a crank call.

call

Freakuency Pack

12500 **164**^{MCW}

15000 **97**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k CALL** 401597

call 137651

called 167754

calling 31689

calls 52086

caller 10960

callers 1457

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

30796 **778**⁵¹⁴²⁹ *vv0*

27598 **877**⁴⁵⁷³⁴ *vvi*

23435 **1000**⁴⁰³⁹⁵ *nn1*

29 **115179**⁴⁵ *np1*

25 **156154**²⁵ *jj*

17 **187299**¹⁸ *nnu*

5 **391041**⁵ *pphis1*