

enquire
 [ɪnˈkwaɪə, -{ɪnˈkwaɪ}əɹə, -{ɪnˈkwaɪ}əɹɪ] = *inquire, inquirer, inquiry*

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enquire [enquire enquires enquired enquiring] (especially BrE) (also inquire

NAme, BrE) *BrE* [ɪnˈkwaɪə(r)] *NAme* [ɪnˈkwaɪə]

verb intransitive, transitive (rather formal) to ask sb for some information

- ~ (about sb/sth) I called the station to enquire about train times.
- ~ (as to sb/sth) She enquired as to your whereabouts.
- ~ why, where, etc... Might I enquire why you have not mentioned this until now?
- ~ sth He enquired her name.
- + speech 'What is your name?' he enquired. In British English people sometimes distinguish between enquire and inquire, using enquire for the general meaning of 'ask for information' and inquire for the more particular meaning of 'officially investigate'
- I called to enquire about train times.
- A committee will inquire into the allegations. However, you can use either spelling in either meaning. In American English inquire is usually used in both meanings.

Derived ↑enquire after somebody ▪ ↑enquire into something ▪ ↑enquire something of somebody

See also: ↑inquire

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	enquire
	BrE /ɪnˈkwaɪə(r)/
	NAme /ɪnˈkwaɪə/
he / she / it	defogs
	BrE /ɪnˈkwaɪəz/
	NAme /ɪnˈkwaɪəz/
past simple, past participle	defogged
	BrE /ɪnˈkwaɪəd/
	NAme /ɪnˈkwaɪəd/
-ing form	defogging
	BrE /ɪnˈkwaɪərɪŋ/
	NAme /ɪnˈkwaɪərɪŋ/

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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especially British English another spelling of ↑inquire

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■ ask a question

- **ask** to speak or write to someone to get an answer: Did you ask about the price? | They asked me a lot of questions.
- **inquire/enquire** /ɪnˈkwaɪə \$ -ˈkwaɪr/ *formal* to ask someone for information about something: I'm writing to inquire about the job that was advertised in yesterday's 'Times'.
- **demand** especially written to ask a question in a firm or angry way: 'Why didn't you call me?', she demanded.
- **interview** to ask someone questions, to find out if they are suitable for a job, or as part of a television or radio interview: When they interviewed me for the job, they didn't mention the salary. | David Letterman has interviewed all the stars.
- **poll** to officially ask a lot of people in order to find out their opinion on something: Over 1,000 people were polled for the report. | 64% of the people we polled said that they approved of the way the government had handled the crisis.

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