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## require

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Main Entry: **re·quire**

Pronunciation: \ri-'kwī(-)r\

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **re·quired; re·quir·ing**

Etymology: Middle English *requeren*, from Anglo-French *requere*, from Vulgar Latin *\*requaerere* to seek for, need, require, alteration of Latin *requirere*, from *re-* + *quaerere* to seek, ask

Date: 14th century

*transitive verb*

**1 a** : to claim or ask for by right and authority **b** *archaic* : **REQUEST**

**2 a** : to call for as suitable or appropriate <the occasion *requires* formal dress>

**b** : to demand as necessary or essential : have a compelling need for <all living beings *require* food>

**3** : to impose a compulsion or command on : **COMPEL**

**4** *chiefly British* : to feel or be obliged — used with a following infinitive <one does not *require* to be a specialist — Elizabeth Bowen>

*intransitive verb*

*archaic* : **ASK**

**synonyms** see **DEMAND**

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