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1 claim

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Simple Definition of CLAIM

: to say that (something) is true when some people may say it is not true

: to say that you have (something)

: to say that (something) belongs to you or that you deserve (something)

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Examples: CLAIM in a sentence 

Tip: Synonym guide 



Full Definition of CLAIM

transitive verb

1 **a** : to ask for especially as a right <*claimed* the inheritance>

b : to call for : **REQUIRE** <this matter *claims* our



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something that serves as a check or stop

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attention>


c : **TAKE** 16b <the accident *claimed* her life>

2 : to take as the rightful owner

3 a : to assert in the face of possible contradiction : **MAINTAIN** <*claimed* that he'd been cheated>

b : to claim to have <organization ... which *claims* 11,000 ... members — *Rolling Stone*>

c : to assert to be rightfully one's own <*claimed* responsibility for the attack>

—**claimable**  \ 'klā-mə-bəl\ *adjective*

Examples of CLAIM in a sentence

He *claims* a connection to British royalty.

The organization *claims* 10,000 members.

The terrorist group *claimed* responsibility for the attack.

New Yorkers proudly *claim* the artist as one of their own.

Both of them *claimed* credit for the idea.

No one ever *claimed* authorship for the poem.

You should *claim* compensation for the hours you worked.

No heirs came forward to *claim* the inheritance.

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Origin and Etymology of CLAIM

Middle English, from Anglo-French *claimer*, *clamer*, from Latin *clamare* to cry out, shout; akin to Latin *calare* to call — more at **LOW**



First Known Use: 14th century

Related to CLAIM

Synonyms

affirm, **allege**, **assert**, **aver**, **avouch**, **avow**, **contend**, **declare**, **insist**, **maintain**, **profess**, **protest**, **purport**, **warrant**, put forth



Synonym Discussion of CLAIM

DEMAND, **CLAIM**, **REQUIRE**, **EXACT** mean to ask or call for something as due or as necessary. **DEMAND** implies peremptoriness and insistence and often the right to make requests that are to be regarded as commands <*demanded* payment of the debt>. **CLAIM** implies a demand for the delivery or concession of something due as one's own or one's right <*claimed* the right to manage his own affairs>. **REQUIRE** suggests the imperativeness that arises from inner necessity, compulsion of law or regulation, or the exigencies of the situation <the patient *requires* constant attention>. **EXACT** implies not only demanding but getting what one demands <*exact*s absolute loyalty>.

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noun

Simple Definition of CLAIM

: a statement saying that something happened a certain way or will happen a certain way : a statement saying that something is true when some people may say it is not true

: an official request for something (such as money) that is owed to you or that you believe is owed to you

: a right to have something

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Full Definition of CLAIM

- 1** : a demand for something due or believed to be due <an insurance *claim*>
- 2** **a** : a right to something; *specifically* : a title to a debt, privilege, or other thing in the possession of another
b : an assertion open to challenge <a *claim* of authenticity>
- 3** : something that is **claimed**; *especially* : a tract of land staked out

See **claim** defined for English language learners

Examples of CLAIM in a sentence

She makes the *claim* that sea levels will actually go down.

He made false *claims* about his past job experience.

You'll need to file an insurance *claim* to pay for the damage.

make a *claim* on your insurance policy

All *claims* must be made in writing.

First Known Use of CLAIM

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Related to CLAIM

Synonyms

call, dibs, pretense (or pretence), pretension, right

Antonyms

disavowal



Phrases related to CLAIM

Related Phrases

claim form

claim someone's life

claim to fame

take/claim someone's life

CLAIM Defined for Kids

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Definition of CLAIM for Students

claimed **claiming**

- 1** : to ask for as something that is a right or is deserved <*claim* an inheritance> <Be sure to *claim* credit for your idea.>
- 2** : to take as the rightful owner <I *claimed* my luggage at the airport.>
- 3** : to state as a fact : insist to be true <“But our friend the Woggle-Bug *claims* to be highly educated ...” — L. Frank Baum, *The Marvelous Land of Oz*>

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Definition of CLAIM for Students

- 1** : a demand for something owed or believed to be owed <an insurance *claim*>
- 2** : a right to something <He has a *claim* to the family fortune.>
- 3** : something (as an area of land) claimed as someone's own <a prospector's *claim*>

Law Dictionary

claim

noun

Legal Definition of CLAIM

- 1 a** : a demand for something (as money) due or believed to be due; *specifically* : a demand for a benefit (as under the workers' compensation law) or contractual payment (as under an insurance policy)
b : a paper embodying such a demand <filing

a *claim* with the court>

- 2** : a title to something (as a debt or privilege) in the possession of another <assigned her *claim* to the proceeds>
- 3** **a** : a right to seek a judicial remedy arising from a wrong or injury suffered <a plaintiff who has been injured in an accident has...one *claim* for a broken arm, another for a ruptured spleen, and so forth — J. H. Friedenthal *et al.*>; *also* : the formal assertion of such a right <bringing a *claim* in the district court>
- b** : **CAUSE OF ACTION** 1 <a plaintiff stating a *claim* for negligence> — see also **RES JUDICATA**

Editor's note: A cause of action may encompass more than one claim as the term is used in sense 3a. *Claim* is often used to mean *cause of action*, however, especially in modern federal practice.

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Old French, from *clamer* to call, claim, from Latin *clamare* to shout, proclaim

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