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re·quest *noun* ˈrɪ-ˈkwɛst

: an act of politely or formally asking for something

: something (such as a song) that a person asks for

Full Definition of REQUEST

- 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**

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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 **requesta*, from feminine of *requeustus*, past participle of *requerere* to require

First Known Use: 14th century

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²request *transitive 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

- 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*

Examples of REQUEST

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

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

First Known Use of REQUEST

1533

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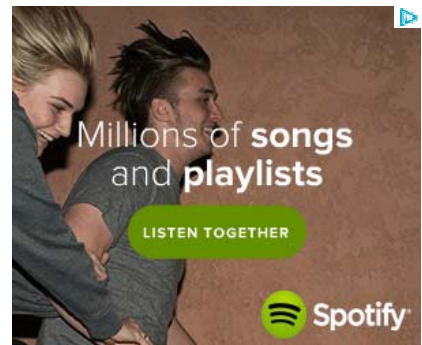
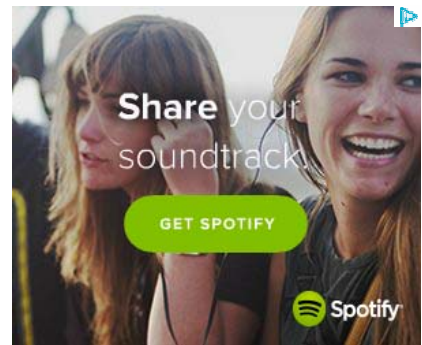
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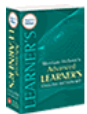
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