

**enquiry**[ɪnˈkwaɪ]ə,-{ɪnˈkwaɪ}ərə,-{ɪnˈkwaɪ}əri]= *inquire, inquirer, inquiry*

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**enquiry****enquiry** [enquiry enquiries] (especially BrE) (also **inquiry** NAmE, BrE) *BrE*[ɪnˈkwaɪəri] <sup>u</sup> ; *NAmE* [ˈɪŋkwəri] <sup>u</sup> ; [ɪnˈkwaɪəri] <sup>u</sup>**noun** (pl. **enquiries, inquiries**)

- 1. countable** an official process to find out the cause of sth or to find out information about sth
    - a **murder enquiry**
    - ~ **into sth** a **public enquiry** into the environmental effects of the proposed new road
    - to **hold/order an enquiry** into the affair
  - 2. countable** a request for information about sb/sth; a question about sb/sth
    - a telephone enquiry
    - ~ **(from sb) (about sb/sth)** We received over 300 enquiries about the job.
    - enquiries from prospective students
    - I'll have to **make** a few **enquiries** (= try to find out about it) and get back to you.
    - (BrE) Two men have been **helping police with their enquiries** (= are being questioned about a crime, but have not been charged with it) .
    - All enquiries should be addressed to the customer services department.
  - 3. uncountable** the act of asking questions or collecting information about sb/sth
    - scientific enquiry
    - The police are following several **lines of enquiry** .
    - a committee of enquiry
  - 4. enquiries plural** (BrE) a place where you can get information
    - Ask **at enquiries** to see if your bag has been handed in.
- see also** ↑**directory enquiries** In British English people sometimes distinguish between enquiry and inquiry, using enquiry for the general meaning of 'a request for information' and inquiry for the more particular meaning of 'official investigation'
- enquiries from prospective students
  - a murder inquiry . However, you can use either spelling in either meaning. In American English inquiry is usually used in both meanings.

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