

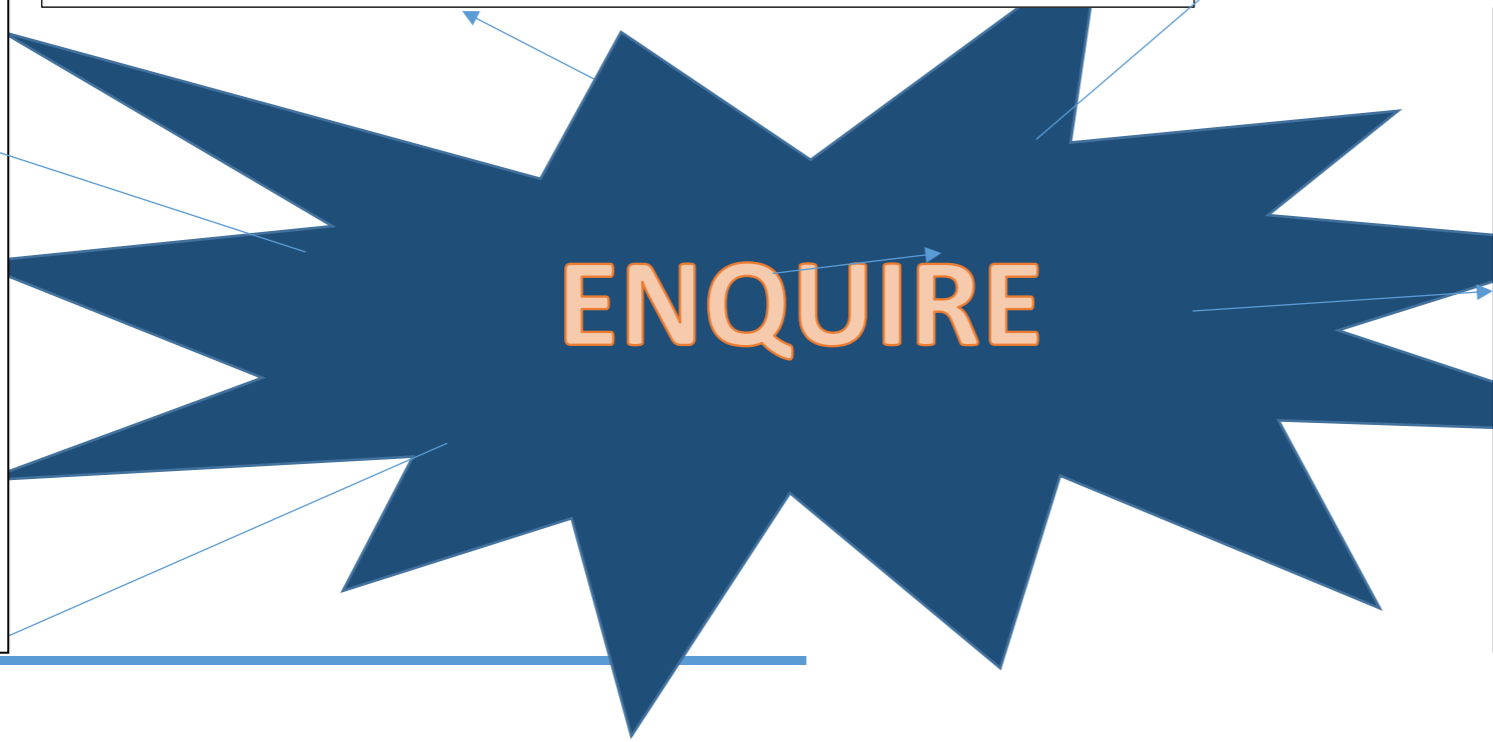


ROOT: QUAERE "TO ASK" (verb)
"Enquire" comes from a combination of the Latin words "in", meaning "into", and "quaerere", meaning "ask, seek." When you enquire, you look into something and you seek answers.
The near-synonym "inquire" is used for official investigations, e.g. legal inquiries.

Type of word: verb
2 syllables: EN-QUIRE

- SYNONYM:**
- Ask
 - Question
 - Seek information
 - Investigate
 - Inspect
 - Search for
 - Examine
 - Request information
 - Probe
 - Wonder
 - Search

- ANTONYM:**
- Ignore
 - Neglect to ask
 - Cover up
 - Guess
 - Assume (without evidence)



EXAMPLES:
Scientists are enquiring into the extent to which climate change is causing a decline in animal populations.
The investigation will enquire into the company's financial dealings.

WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO ENQUIRE:

- ASK CLEAR QUESTIONS
- LOOK FOR INFORMATION
- EXAMINE THE INFORMATION YOU FIND (EVIDENCE)
- ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS BY REFERRING TO THE EVIDENCE
- Being **inquisitive** means that you ask lots of questions. So, to **enquire** into something means to ask a question in a way that looks for specific evidence to answer your question.



*The Spartans do not **enquire** how many the enemy are, but where they are.*
- Author: Agis II

*I might as well **enquire**," replied she, "why with so evident a design of offending and insulting me, you chose to tell me that you liked me against your will, against your reason, and even against your character?"* - Author: Jane Austen