



CALL

one word, many signals



Origin: from Old Norse *kalla* — 'to cry out, summon'.



CORE IDEA:
to reach out, summon,
name, ask for, or decide.

VERB



contact by phone —
Call me tonight.



shout or summon —
She called for help.



name or describe —
They called it a success.



require or need —
This job calls for patience.



visit briefly —
I'll call on Grandma.



announce / demand —
Workers called a strike.



FIXED / ADJECTIVAL USES



on-call doctor



call button



call centre / call center



call sign

WORD FAMILY

call

calls

called

calling

caller

callback

callout

call-up

recall

COLLOCATIONS



make
a call



take
a call



miss
a call



conference
call



emergency
call



video
call



roll
call



bird
call

IDIOMS



call it a day —
stop working



call the shots —
be in charge



your call —
your decision



wake-up call —
warning



on call —
ready to work
if needed



beyond the call
of duty —
more than
expected



first port of call —
first place
to go



the call of
nature —
need to use
the toilet



NOUN



a phone conversation —
I missed your call.



a request or appeal —
a call for action



a decision or judgment —
It was the right call.



a strong desire /
vocation —
a call to serve



the cry of a bird
or animal —
the call of a gull

PHRASAL VERBS

- call back — return a phone call
- call off — cancel
- call out — criticize / summon
- call on — visit / ask to speak
- call up — phone / bring to mind
- call for — require / publicly demand

