**✅ Explanation of verification**

| **Step** | **Code** | **Meaning** |
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| **Create mock** | Mockito.mock(ExternalApi.class) | Replace real dependency with a mock |
| **Call method** | service.fetchData() | Triggers call to mockApi.getData() |
| **Verify interaction** | verify(mockApi).getData() | Confirms getData() was called |
| **Verify count** | verify(mockApi, times(1))... | Ensures it was called exactly once |