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verb

- 1 **ask** [intransitive] ASK FOR SOMETHING/ASK SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING to make a serious public request for help, money, information etc:

appeal for

Church and community leaders have appealed for calm.

appeal to

Farmers have appealed to the government for help.

appeal to somebody to do something

The police have appealed to anyone with information to come forward and talk to them.

- 2 **ask to change decision** [intransitive and transitive] TRIAL to make a formal request to a court or someone in authority asking for a decision to be changed:

She is not happy with the decision and plans to appeal.

appeal against

Both men intend to appeal against their convictions.

appeal to

Appealing to the referee does not often result in a decision being changed.

- 3 **be attractive** ATTRACT [intransitive] if someone or something appeals to you, they seem attractive and interesting:

appeal to

The programme appeals to young children.

*The idea of working abroad **really appeals to me**.*

- 4 **appeal to somebody's better nature/sense of justice etc** PERSUADE

to try to persuade someone to do something by reminding them that it is a good or fair thing to do:

You could always try appealing to his better nature.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Old French

Origin: *apeler* ‘to accuse, appeal’, from Latin *appellare*, from *appellere* ‘to drive to’, from *ad-* ‘to’ + *pellere* ‘to drive’

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