

ap·peal¹

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noun

- 1 **request** [countable] ASK FOR SOMETHING/ASK SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING an urgent request for something important:

appeal for

The police have issued a new appeal for information.

appeal to

All the organizations involved have sent urgent appeals to the government, asking for extra funding.

The girl's family have made a public appeal for help to try and catch her killer.

appeal to somebody to do something

an appeal to the army to not use too much force

- 2 **request for money** [countable] an attempt to persuade people to give money in order to help people who need something:

The appeal has nearly reached its target of £100,000.

- 3 **request to change decision** [uncountable and countable] TRIAL a formal request to a court or to someone in authority asking for a decision to be changed:

appeal to

an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights

on appeal

The sentence was reduced to three years on appeal.

- 4 **being attractive** [uncountable] ATTRACT a quality that makes people like something or someone:

What is the particular appeal of this island?

*The programme has a very **wide appeal**.*

appeal for

The film has great appeal for young audiences.

*She's definitely got **sex appeal** (= she is sexually attractive) .*

→ COURT OF APPEAL

COLLOCATIONS – Meanings 1 & 2

verbs

make/issue/launch an appeal *Detectives are making an urgent appeal for information. |*

The hospital has launched an appeal to raise money for new equipment.

renew an appeal (= make an appeal again) *Detectives renewed their appeal for help from the public.*

adjectives

an urgent appeal *The fire service has made an urgent appeal for more part-time firefighters.*

a desperate appeal *The family made a desperate appeal to their daughter to come home. |*

The London-based relief agency issued a desperate appeal for aid.

a direct appeal *The police have issued a direct appeal to the witness to come forward with information.*

a personal appeal *Muslim leaders made a personal appeal for the hostage's freedom.*

a public appeal *She made a public appeal for the return of the ring.*

a fresh appeal (= one that you make again) *The growing instability in the country has led to fresh appeals for calm.*

a nationwide appeal *The missing 15-year-old was found yesterday after a nationwide appeal for help.*

an international appeal *The organization has now launched an international appeal for volunteers.*

a television appeal *Following a national television appeal, several callers have phoned the police with information.*

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 3

verbs

make an appeal *My client is planning to make an appeal.*

lodge/file/bring an appeal (= make an appeal) *Mr Sarhadi, who has lived here for three years, has lodged an appeal against extradition.*

consider an appeal *The US Supreme Court could refuse to consider the appeal.*

hear an appeal (= listen to all the facts) *The FA will hear Chelsea's appeal against the fine next week.*

win/lose an appeal *Unless she wins her appeal she will be imprisoned.*

uphold/allow an appeal (= give permission for a decision to be changed) *Judge Gabriel Hutton upheld Smith's appeal against a £250 fine.*

dismiss/throw out/turn down an appeal (= not give permission for a decision to be changed) *The taxpayer's appeal was dismissed and the penalty upheld.*

an appeal fails/succeeds *If the appeal fails, he will serve his full sentence.*

appeal + NOUN

the appeal court (*BrE*), the appeals court (*AmE*) *The ruling was reversed in the appeal court.*

the appeal process *The appeal process could take as long as three years.*

adjectives

a formal appeal *She decided to make a formal appeal through her lawyer.*

phrases

the Court of Appeal *The Court of Appeal quashed the conviction.*

grounds for an appeal (= reasons for making an appeal) *You need to have reasonable grounds for your appeal.*

a right of appeal *The taxpayer has no statutory right of appeal against the demand.*

pending appeal (= until an appeal can take place) *Both men were under house arrest, pending appeal of their convictions.*

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