

MÓDULO 06 - CALL ON

DEFINITION

Call on =

- 1) to officially ask someone to do something;
- 2) to ask a student to answer a question or participate in an activity
 - CALL ON is INSEPERABLE
 - CALL is REGULAR

CALL – CALLED – CALLED

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense

Our class doesn't have a **teacher's pet**. The teacher likes *to call on* everyone.

- teacher's pet = the teacher's favorite student

2. Present continuous

Jane, **stop talking** or I'm *calling on* you next.

STOP TALKING X STOP TO TALK

- Stop + gerund = discontinue that action
 - o I stopped drinking coffee in the evening. I was having trouble falling asleep.
- Stop + infinitive = stop what you're doing to do something else.
 - o I stopped to drink some coffee. I was really tired and needed some caffeine.

3. Past simple

The Master *called on* his special agents to **carry out** the mission.

- carry out – execute, complete or fulfill (a mission, an assignment, a plan, a task)
 - o We were unable to carry out the assigned task.

4. Past continuous

The teacher *was calling on* Tommy, but he was **sound asleep**.

- sound asleep = sleeping very deeply

Asleep x sleeping x sleepy

- Asleep = sleeping
 - o I was asleep when you called. = I was sleeping when you called.
- Sleepy = tired
 - o I'm sleepy. I'm going to take a nap.

5. Used to (+ be used to/get used to do)

The mayor *was used to calling on* the heroes to save the city, but now they're **gone**.

- IS/ARE/AM gone = not here
 - o Where is the tree that was planted here? It's gone. The neighbor removed it.

6. Future (will or going to)

If I think you're not paying attention, I *will call on* you **to present** to the class.

- to present (verb) – give a presentation
- present (noun) – a gift; the current moment

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7. Present perfect + modal verbs (must)

How many times *have I been called on* today? The teacher must be **picking on me!**

- to pick on (someone) = to tease (someone) or to treat someone differently than the others in a negative way
 - o Everyone's always picking on me for being short.

8. Past perfect

We *had* already *called on* the IT guys to fix the computers when the manager arrived.

9. Conditionals

If there is a war, our government *will call on* our army to defend us.

10. Conditionals

The professor *wouldn't call on* me if he thought I knew the answer.

PRACTICE

When you were a student in elementary school or high school, did you like it when the teacher called on you to answer a question? Or did you try to hide from the teacher so that he/she wouldn't call on you?