

Asking for clarification in English

General expressions

1. Sorry, I didn't catch that.
2. Could you say that again?
3. I beg your pardon?
4. What do you mean exactly?
5. I'm not sure I follow.
6. Could you clarify that, please?
7. Can you explain that a bit more?
8. I didn't quite get that.
9. Do you mean...?
10. Could you be more specific?

Seeking confirmation

1. So, you're saying that...?
2. Did I understand that correctly?
3. Just to make sure I got this...
4. Let me check I've understood...
5. Are you saying that...?

In academic or formal contexts

1. Would you mind elaborating on that?
2. Can you provide an example?
3. Could you expand on that point?
4. Could you clarify what you meant by...?
5. I'd appreciate it if you could explain that further.

In conversations

1. Wait, what was that again?
2. I missed that — what did you say?
3. Hang on, I didn't get the last part.
4. Can you go over that again?
5. Sorry, what do you mean by that?

When asking about words or meaning

1. What does that word mean?
2. How do you spell that?
3. Is that the same as...?
4. Can you put that another way?
5. What do you mean by?

