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pro·claim  (prō-klām , prə-)

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tr.v. **pro·claimed**, **pro·claim·ing**, **pro·claims**

1. To announce officially and publicly; declare: *proclaim a general amnesty for political prisoners; proclaim the suspect to be guilty.* See Synonyms at [announce](#).
2. To state emphatically or authoritatively; affirm: *proclaim one's opposition to an idea.*
3. To indicate conspicuously; make plain: *"A painted longbow jutting over his shoulder proclaimed his profession" (Arthur Conan Doyle).*

[Middle English *proclamen*, *proclaimen* (influenced by *claimen*, to claim), from Old French *proclamer*, from Latin *prōclāmāre* : *prō-*, forward; see [PRO-](#)¹ + *clāmāre*, to cry out; see *kela-*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pro·claim *er n.*

pro·clam *a·to'ry* (prō-klām ə-tôr'ē) *adj.*

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