

**ex•i•gen•cy** \* 'ek-sə-jən-s;e, ig-'zij-ə-  
\* *also* **Ex•i•gence** \* 'ek-sə-jən(t)s\* *n* 1:  
the quality or state of being exigent 2:  
such need or necessity as belongs to the  
occasion—usu. Used in pl. **syn** see  
JUNCTURE, NEED

**ex•i•gent** \* 'ek-sə-jənt\* *adj* [**L** *exi-*  
*gent-*, *exigens*, prp. of *exigere* to de-  
mand] 1: requiring immediate aid or  
action 2: requiring or calling for much:  
DEMANDING—**ex•i•gent•ly** *adv*