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Definition of *platform*

1 : [plan](#), [design](#)

2 : a declaration of the principles on which a group of persons stands especially : a declaration of principles and policies adopted by a political party or a candidate

3a(1) : a usually raised horizontal flat surface especially : a raised flooring

(2) : a device or structure incorporating or providing a platform especially : such a structure on legs used for offshore drilling (as for oil)

b : a place or opportunity for public discussion

4a : a usually thick layer (as of cork) between the inner sole and outer sole of a shoe

b : a shoe having such a sole

5a : a vehicle (such as a satellite or aircraft) used for a particular purpose or to carry a usually specified kind of equipment

b : [operating system](#) also : the computer architecture and equipment using a particular operating system

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English Language Learners Definition of *platform*

- : a flat surface that is raised higher than the floor or ground and that people stand on when performing or speaking
- : a flat area next to railroad tracks where people wait for a train or subway
- : a usually raised structure that has a flat surface where people or machines do work

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Kids Definition of *platform*

- 1 : a level usually raised surface We hurried to the train *platform*. Visitors can observe wildlife from a *platform*.
- 2 : a raised floor or stage for performers or speakers
- 3 : a statement of the beliefs and rules of conduct for which a group stands The candidates discussed their party's *platform*.
- 4 : an arrangement of computer components that uses a particular operating system

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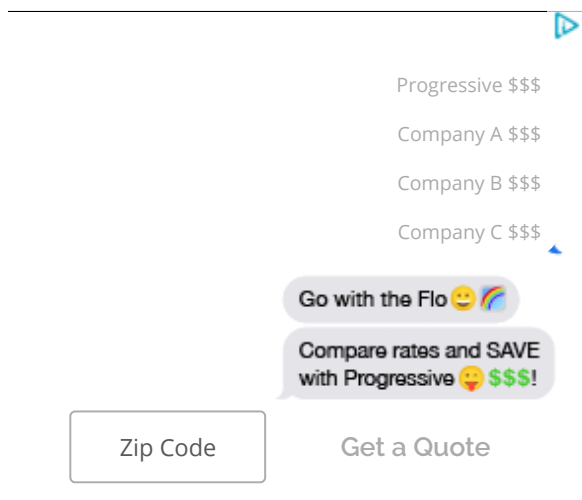


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