

Need another word that means the same as “aspire”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “aspire” in this overview.

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Aspire as a Verb

Definitions of "Aspire" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “aspire” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal.*
- *Direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something.*
- *Rise high; tower.*



Synonyms of "Aspire" as a verb (33 Words)

aim

Point or cause to go (blows, weapons, or objects such as photographic equipment) towards.

*I **aim** to arrive at noon.*

aim for

Propose or intend.

aim to

Move into a desired direction of discourse.

desire

Express a desire for.

*He never achieved the status he so **desired**.*

desire to

Feel or have a desire for; want strongly.

draw a bead on

Take in, also metaphorically.

dream of

Have a daydream; indulge in a fantasy.

expect

Consider obligatory request and expect.

*We **expect** great things of you.*

expect to

Be pregnant with.

hanker after

Desire strongly or persistently.

hanker for

Desire strongly or persistently.

hanker to

Desire strongly or persistently.

have as one's aim	Achieve a point or goal.
have as one's goal	Have left.
have the objective of	Suffer from; be ill with.
hope for	Intend with some possibility of fulfilment.
hope to	Be optimistic; be full of hope; have hopes.
hunger for	Feel the need to eat.
hunger to	Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.
long for	Desire strongly or persistently.
long to	Desire strongly or persistently.
<u>pursue</u>	Continue or proceed along (a path or route). <i>Andrew was determined to pursue a computer career.</i>
seek	Inquire for. Seek an education.
seek to	Make an effort or attempt.
set one's heart on	Put into a position that will restore a normal state.
set one's sights on	Set in type.
shoot for	Throw or propel in a specific direction or towards a specific objective.
want	Hunt or look for want for a particular reason. <i>He is wanted by the police in connection with an arms theft.</i>
want to	Feel or have a desire for; want strongly.
wish for	Order politely express a wish for.
wish to	Prefer or wish to do something.
yearn for	Have affection for; feel tenderness for.
yearn to	Desire strongly or persistently.



Usage Examples of "Aspire" as a verb

- *Above the domes of loftiest mosques these pinnacles aspire.*
- *Other people will aspire to be like you.*
- *We never thought that we might aspire to those heights.*



Associations of "Aspire" (30 Words)

ambition	Have as one's ambition. <i>Her ambition was to become a pilot.</i>
<u>aspiration</u>	The action of pronouncing a sound with an exhalation of breath. <i>The yawning gulf between aspiration and reality.</i>
<u>beg</u>	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>He begged their forgiveness.</i>
bygone	A thing dating from an earlier time. <i>Relics of a bygone age.</i>
<u>covet</u>	Yearn to possess (something, especially something belonging to another). <i>She covets her sister's house.</i>
covetous	Having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else. <i>Jealous of his success and covetous of his possessions.</i>

<u>crave</u>	Ask for. <i>I must crave your indulgence.</i>
<u>craving</u>	A powerful desire for something. <i>A craving for chocolate.</i>
desideratum	Something desired as a necessity. <i>Integrity was a desideratum.</i>
desire	Express a desire for. <i>There had been a time years ago when he had desired her.</i>
<u>desperation</u>	A state of despair, typically one which results in rash or extreme behaviour. <i>Courage born of desperation.</i>
<u>eagerly</u>	With eagerness; in an eager manner. <i>Fans of the show are eagerly awaiting the new season.</i>
<u>envious</u>	Feeling or showing envy. <i>An envious glance.</i>
hanker	Desire strongly or persistently. <i>She hankered to go back.</i>
hankering	A strong desire to have or do something. <i>A hankering for family life.</i>
homesick	Experiencing a longing for one's home during a period of absence from it. <i>He was homesick for America after five weeks in Europe.</i>
homesickness	A longing to return home. <i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of homesickness.</i>
<u>insatiable</u>	Of a person having an insatiable appetite or desire for something especially sex. <i>An insatiable hunger for success.</i>
<u>jealous</u>	Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages. <i>She was always jealous of me.</i>
<u>long</u>	Of elongated shape. <i>A long position in gold.</i>
<u>longing</u>	A yearning desire. <i>Miranda felt a wistful longing for the old days.</i>
<u>nostalgia</u>	Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia. <i>An evening of TV nostalgia.</i>
<u>starve</u>	Die of food deprivation. <i>The political prisoners starved to death.</i>

thirst	Have a strong desire for something. <i>His thirst for knowledge was mainly academic.</i>
<u>unquenchable</u>	Not able to be quenched. <i>His enthusiasm was unquenchable.</i>
<u>unrequited</u>	Not returned in kind. <i>Unrequited unanswered love.</i>
want	Feel or have a desire for want strongly. <i>She wanted me to leave.</i>
weariness	Reluctance to see or experience any more of something. <i>He began to feel weariness.</i>
<u>yearn</u>	Have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from. <i>No fellow spirit yearned towards her.</i>
yearning	Involving or expressing yearning. <i>A yearning hope.</i>

