

Need another word that means the same as “attain”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “attain” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Attain” are: hit, reach, chance on, chance upon, come across, come upon, discover, fall upon, happen upon, light upon, strike, accomplish, achieve, arrive at, gain, make, come by, obtain, procure, secure, get, grasp, hook, net, win, earn, acquire, establish, come to

Attain as a Verb

Definitions of "Attain" as a verb

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

- *Reach a point in time, or a certain state or level.*
- *Reach a destination, either real or abstract.*
- *Reach (a specified age, size, or amount.*
- *To gain with effort.*
- *Succeed in achieving (something that one has worked for.*
- *Find unexpectedly.*



Synonyms of "Attain" as a verb (29 Words)

- accomplish** Fill in (a form).
*Once this form has been **accomplished** the applicant needs to secure supporting documents.*
- achieve** Successfully bring about or reach (a desired objective or result) by effort, skill, or courage.
*The killings **achieved** nothing.*
- acquire** Come to have or undergo a change of (physical features and attributes).
*I **acquired** a strong aversion to television.*
- arrive at** Succeed in a big way; get to the top.
- chance on** Be the case by chance.
- chance upon** Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.

come across	Add up in number or quantity.
come by	Be received.
come to	Come to pass arrive as in due course.
come upon	Move toward, travel toward something or somebody or approach something or somebody.
discover	Make a discovery. <i>I discovered the band back in the mid 70s.</i>
earn	Earn on some commercial or business transaction earn as salary or wages. <i>She earns a lot in her new job.</i>
establish	Institute enact or establish. <i>The principle of the supremacy of national parliaments needs to be firmly established.</i>
fall upon	Be captured.
gain	Benefit. <i>Nothing would be gained by talking about it.</i>
get	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>You can get me at home if you need me.</i>
grasp	Take (an opportunity) eagerly. <i>She grasped the bottle.</i>
happen upon	Chance to be or do something, without intention or causation.
hit	Hit with a missile from a weapon. <i>The area has been badly hit by pit closures.</i>
hook	Hit with a hook. <i>Hook a fish.</i>
light upon	Begin to smoke.
make	Make or cause to be or to become. <i>Make an estimate.</i>
net	Catch with a net. <i>Net a fish.</i>
obtain	Be valid, applicable, or true. <i>Adequate insurance cover is difficult to obtain.</i>
procure	Get by special effort. <i>Food procured for the rebels.</i>
reach	Reach a goal e.g. <i>Reach me those glasses.</i>

secure Seek to guarantee repayment of (a loan) by having a right to take possession of an asset in the event of non-payment.
*The government is concerned to **secure** the economy against too much foreign ownership.*

strike Undertake strike action against an employer.
*Small conifers will **strike** from cuttings.*

win Win something through one's efforts.
*The government is **winning** the battle against inflation.*



Usage Examples of "Attain" as a verb

- *He attained the rank of Brigadier.*
- *Dolphins can attain speeds in water which man cannot yet emulate.*
- *Clarify your objectives and ways of attaining them.*



Associations of "Attain" (30 Words)

<u>accomplish</u>	Fill in (a form). <i>Once this form has been accomplished the applicant needs to secure supporting documents.</i>
accomplished	Successfully completed or brought to an end. <i>A very elegant and accomplished person.</i>
accomplishment	Something that has been achieved successfully. <i>A poet of considerable accomplishment.</i>
achieve	Successfully bring about or reach (a desired objective or result) by effort, skill, or courage. <i>People striving to achieve.</i>
achievement	A thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage. <i>A sense of achievement.</i>
acquire	Locate (a moving entity) by means of a tracking system such as radar. <i>Children acquire language at an amazing rate.</i>
acquirement	The action of acquiring something. <i>The acquirement of self control.</i>

acquisition	The learning or developing of a skill, habit, or quality. <i>The acquisition of wealth.</i>
arrive	Reach a destination arrive by movement or progress. <i>He still has to pinch himself to be sure he really has arrived.</i>
<u>attainable</u>	Able to be attained; achievable. <i>An attainable target.</i>
<u>attainment</u>	The action or fact of achieving a goal towards which one has worked. <i>His attainment of puberty was delayed by malnutrition.</i>
clinch	Fasten a rope or angling line with a clinch knot. <i>The Texan wanted to impress him to clinch a business deal.</i>
enlightenment	A European intellectual movement of the late 17th and 18th centuries emphasizing reason and individualism rather than tradition. It was heavily influenced by 17th-century philosophers such as Descartes, Locke, and Newton, and its prominent figures included Kant, Goethe, Voltaire, Rousseau, and Adam Smith. <i>Robbie looked to me for enlightenment.</i>
<u>feat</u>	An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. <i>He performed a great feat.</i>
<u>fulfill</u>	Fill or meet a want or need.
gain	Derive a benefit from. <i>They recorded the cattle s gain in weight over a period of weeks.</i>
get	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>Get nauseous.</i>
goal	An instance of sending the ball into or over the goal especially as a unit of scoring in a game. <i>The decisive opening goal.</i>
jubilant	Feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph. <i>A large number of jubilant fans ran on to the pitch.</i>
jubilation	The utterance of sounds expressing great joy. <i>Unbelievable scenes of jubilation.</i>
<u>mission</u>	An organization of missionaries in a foreign land sent to carry on religious work. <i>The Christian mission.</i>
procure	Obtain (someone) as a prostitute for another person. <i>Food procured for the rebels.</i>
purchase	Obtain by purchase acquire by means of a financial transaction. <i>He could get no purchase on the situation.</i>

reach	The act of physically reaching or thrusting out. <i>A giant over six feet seven with a reach of over 81 inches.</i>
succeed	Take over a throne, office, or other position from. <i>He succeeded in winning a pardon.</i>
success	An attainment that is successful. <i>Overall the fair was a great success.</i>
triumph	The state of being victorious or successful. <i>The marriage had been a triumph of togetherness.</i>
triumphant	Experiencing triumph. <i>A comic fairy tale about innocence triumphant.</i>
victory	A successful ending of a struggle or contest. <i>An election victory.</i>
win	Be the winner in a contest or competition be victorious. <i>You will find it difficult to win back their attention.</i>

