

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.

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

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

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

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

