

Need another word that means the same as “desperately”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “desperately” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Desperately” are: urgently, in desperation, in despair, despairingly, in anguish, in distress, seriously, gravely, severely, critically, acutely, dangerously, perilously, hazardously, precariously, intensely, eagerly**

## Desperately as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Desperately" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “desperately” as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Used to emphasize the extreme degree of something.*
- *In a way that shows despair.*
- *With great urgency.*
- *In intense despair.*



## Synonyms of "Desperately" as an adverb (17 Words)

<b>acutely</b>	(with reference to something unpleasant or unwelcome) intensely. <i>The whole situation was <b>acutely</b> embarrassing.</i>
<b>critically</b>	With decisive or crucial importance in the success, failure, or existence of something. <i><b>Critically</b> ill patients who were awaiting surgery.</i>
<b>dangerously</b>	In a dangerous manner. <i>During the night Mary was taken <b>dangerously</b> ill.</i>
<b>despairingly</b>	With desperation. <i>Why can't you understand she asked <b>despairingly</b>.</i>
<b>eagerly</b>	Used to emphasize a strong desire to do or have something. <i>Original illustrations are <b>eagerly</b> sought by collectors.</i>
<b>gravely</b>	To a severe or serious degree. <i>He fell <b>gravely</b> ill.</i>
<b>hazardously</b>	In a dangerous manner.

<b>in anguish</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in despair</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in desperation</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in distress</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>intensely</b>	With extreme effort or attention. <i>She <b>intensely</b> disliked any form of confrontation.</i>
<b>perilously</b>	In a way that is full of danger or risk. <i>Many came <b>perilously</b> close to starvation.</i>
<b>precariously</b>	In a way that is uncertain or dependent on chance. <i>The team clung <b>precariously</b> to their lead.</i>
<b>seriously</b>	With earnest intent; not lightly or superficially. <i>Three men are <b>seriously</b> ill in hospital.</i>
<b>severely</b>	To an undesirably great or intense degree. <i>A <b>severely</b> impaired heart.</i>
<b>urgently</b>	With great urgency. <i>Police are <b>urgently</b> seeking witnesses to the attack.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Desperately" as an adverb

- *He desperately needed a drink.*
- *The soil desperately needed potash.*
- *He looked around desperately.*
- *I am desperately disappointed.*



## Associations of "Desperately" (30 Words)

<b>acutely</b>	In an acute manner. <i>The whole situation was <b>acutely</b> embarrassing.</i>
<b><u>adhere</u></b>	Closely follow, observe, or represent. <i>The account <b>adhered</b> firmly to fact.</i>
<b>appeal</b>	Attractiveness that interests or pleases or stimulates. <i>An <b>appeal</b> for help.</i>
<b>asking</b>	The verbal act of requesting.
<b><u>beg</u></b>	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>They had to <b>beg</b> for food.</i>
<b><u>beseech</u></b>	Ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat. <i>They <b>beseached</b> him to stay.</i>
<b>cadge</b>	A padded wooden frame on which hooded hawks are carried to the field. <i>He <b>cadged</b> fivers off old school friends.</i>
<b><u>cling</u></b>	A clingstone peach. <i>You are <b>clinging</b> to him for security.</i>
<b>despair</b>	The complete loss or absence of hope. <i>Don't <b>despair</b> help is on the way.</i>
<b><u>entreat</u></b>	Ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something. <i>His friends <b>entreated</b> him not to go.</i>
<b>entreaty</b>	An earnest or humble request. <i>An <b>entreaty</b> to stop the fighting.</i>
<b>exhortation</b>	The act of exhorting; an earnest attempt at persuasion. <i>No amount of <b>exhortation</b> had any effect.</i>
<b><u>frustration</u></b>	An event or circumstance that causes one to feel frustrated. <i>The <b>frustration</b> of their wishes.</i>
<b>implore</b>	Beg earnestly for. <i>He <b>implored</b> her to change her mind.</i>
<b><u>invitation</u></b>	The action of inviting someone to go somewhere or to do something. <i>A club with membership by <b>invitation</b> only.</i>
<b>keen</b>	Interested in or attracted by (someone or something). <i>A <b>keen</b> wind cut through their thick overalls.</i>
<b>lamentation</b>	A cry of sorrow and grief. <i>Scenes of <b>lamentation</b>.</i>
<b><u>petition</u></b>	Present a petition to an authority in respect of a particular cause. <i>A steady stream of <b>petitions</b> to Allah were audible.</i>

<b><u>plea</u></b>	An answer indicating why a suit should be dismissed. <i>Her <b>plea</b> of a headache was not entirely false.</i>
<b><u>plead</u></b>	Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding especially answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts. <i>She <b>pleaded</b> not guilty.</i>
<b><u>please</u></b>	Used to express incredulity or irritation. <i><b>Please</b> address letters to the Editor.</i>
<b>request</b>	The verbal act of requesting. <i>A <b>request</b> for information.</i>
<b><u>sharply</u></b>	In a well delineated manner. <i>The new style of Minoan pottery was <b>sharply</b> defined.</i>
<b><u>solicit</u></b>	Make a solicitation or entreaty for something request urgently or persistently. <i>Don t <b>solicit</b> for money.</i>
<b><u>solicitation</u></b>	Request for a sum of money. <i>He was a regular target for <b>solicitation</b> of funds.</i>
<b><u>sorrow</u></b>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He tried to express his <b>sorrow</b> at her loss.</i>
<b>suppliant</b>	Making or expressing a plea, especially to someone in power or authority. <i>A <b>suppliant</b> sinner seeking forgiveness.</i>
<b>supplicant</b>	A person making a humble or earnest plea to someone in power or authority. <i><b>Supplicants</b> prostrate themselves on the floor.</i>
<b>supplicate</b>	Ask for humbly or earnestly, as in prayer. <i>The plutocracy <b>supplicated</b> to be made peers.</i>
<b>woo</b>	Seek the favour, support, or custom of. <i>Pop stars are being <b>wooed</b> by film companies eager to sign them up.</i>



