

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)

acutely (with reference to something unpleasant or unwelcome) intensely.

The whole situation was **acutely** embarrassing.

With decisive or crucial importance in the success, failure, or existence of

critically something.

Critically ill patients who were awaiting surgery.

In a dangerous manner.

dangerously

During the night Mary was taken dangerously ill.

despairingly With desperation.

Why can t you understand she asked **despairingly**.

eagerly
Used to emphasize a strong desire to do or have something.

Original illustrations are **eagerly** sought by collectors.

gravely

To a severe or serious degree.

He fell **gravely** ill.

hazardously In a dangerous manner.



in anguish
 in despair
 in desperation
 To or toward the inside of.
 in distress
 To or toward the inside of.
 To or toward the inside of.

. . . With extreme effort or attention.

intensely

She intensely disliked any form of confrontation.

perilously

In a way that is full of danger or risk.

Many same perilously along to started.

Many came **perilously** close to starvation.

precariouslyIn a way that is uncertain or dependent on chance.

The team clung **precariously** to their lead.

seriously

With earnest intent; not lightly or superficially.

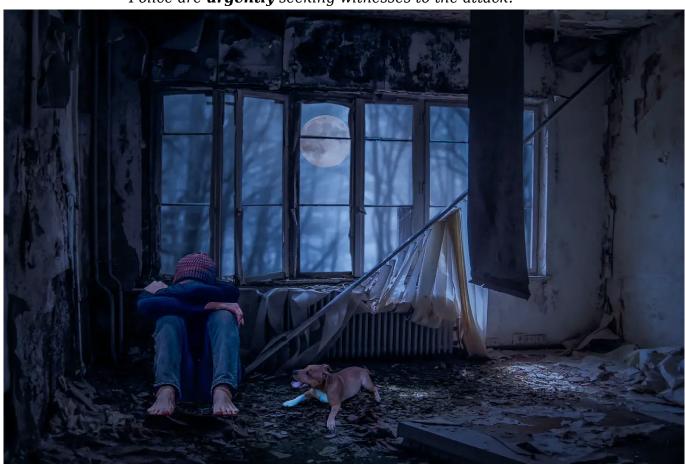
Three men are **seriously** ill in hospital.

severelyTo an undesirably great or intense degree.

A **severely** impaired heart.

urgently With great urgency.

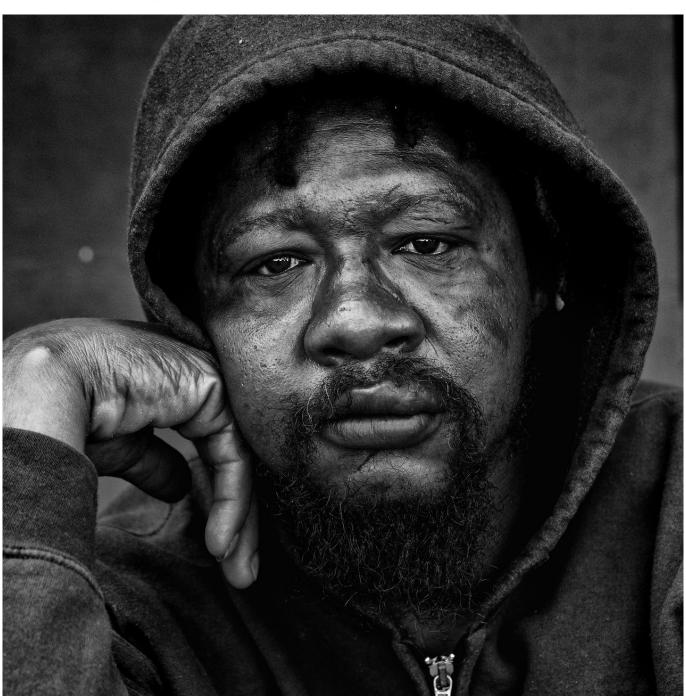
Police are **urgently** seeking witnesses to the attack.





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)

acutely In an acute manner.

The whole situation was **acutely** embarrassing.

adhere Closely follow, observe, or represent. The account adhered firmly to fact.

Attractiveness that interests or pleases or stimulates.

An appeal for help.

asking The verbal act of requesting.

Acquire food or money from someone by begging.

They had to **beg** for food.

Ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat.

They **beseech**ed him to stay.

cadge A padded wooden frame on which hooded hawks are carried to the field.

He cadged fivers off old school friends.

Cling A clingstone peach.

You are **cling**ing to him for security.

despair The complete loss or absence of hope.

Don t **despair** help is on the way.

Ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something.

His friends **entreat**ed him not to go.

entreaty An earnest or humble request.

An **entreaty** to stop the fighting.

exhortation The act of exhorting; an earnest attempt at persuasion.

No amount of **exhortation** had any effect.

frustration An event or circumstance that causes one to feel frustrated.

The **frustration** of their wishes.

implore Beg earnestly for.

He **implore**d her to change her mind.

The action of inviting someone to go somewhere or to do something.

invitationA club with membership by **invitation** only.

A club with membership by invitation only.

keen Interested in or attracted by (someone or something.

A **keen** wind cut through their thick overalls.

lamentation A cry of sorrow and grief.

Scenes of lamentation.

Present a petition to an authority in respect of a particular cause.

A steady stream of **petition**s to Allah were audible.



plead

An answer indicating why a suit should be dismissed.

Her **plea** of a headache was not entirely false.

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.

She **plead**ed not guilty.

Used to express incredulity or irritation.

Please address letters to the Editor.

request

The verbal act of requesting.

A **request** for information.

sharplyIn a well delineated manner.
The new style of Minoan pottery was **sharply** defined.

Make a solicitation or entreaty for something request urgently or

solicit persistently.

Don t **solicit** for money.

Request for a sum of money.

He was a regular target for **solicitation** of funds.

An event or circumstance that causes sorrow.

He tried to express his **sorrow** at her loss.

suppliant Making or expressing a plea, especially to someone in power or authority.

A **suppliant** sinner seeking forgiveness.

supplicant A person making a humble or earnest plea to someone in power or authority.

Supplicants prostrate themselves on the floor.

Ask for humbly or earnestly, as in prayer.

supplicate

The plutocracy supplicated to be made peers.

Seek the favour, support, or custom of.

Pop stars are being **woo**ed by film companies eager to sign them up.



