

Need another word that means the same as “longing”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “longing” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Longing” are: hungriness, yearning, pining, craving, ache, burning, hunger, thirst, itch, urge, lust, hankering, need, eagerness, zeal, covetousness, desirous, hungry, thirsty, avid, covetous**

## Longing as a Noun

### Definitions of "Longing" as a noun

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

- *Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.*
- *A yearning desire.*



## Synonyms of "Longing" as a noun (16 Words)

- ache** A continuous or prolonged dull pain in a part of one's body.  
*The **ache** in her head worsened.*
- burning** The act of burning something.  
*The **burning** of leaves was prohibited by a town ordinance.*
- covetousness** Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins).
- craving** A powerful desire for something.  
*A **craving** for chocolate.*
- eagerness** A positive feeling of wanting to push ahead with something.  
*They showed no **eagerness** to spread the gospel.*
- hankering** A strong desire to have or do something.  
*He had a **hankering** to return to Scotland.*
- hunger** Strong desire for something (not food or drink).  
***Hunger** for affection.*

<b>hungriness</b>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.
<b>itch</b>	A contagious skin infection caused by the itch mite characterized by persistent itching and skin irritation. <i>He has a bad case of the <b>itch</b>.</i>
<b>need</b>	Circumstances in which something is necessary; necessity. <i>A general state of <b>need</b> exists among the homeless.</i>
<b>pinning</b>	A coniferous tree.
<b>thirst</b>	A physiological need to drink. <i>They quenched their <b>thirst</b> with spring water.</i>
<b>urge</b>	A strong desire or impulse. <i>Why this <b>urge</b> to travel.</i>
<b>yearning</b>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. <i>He felt a <b>yearning</b> for the mountains.</i>
<b>zeal</b>	A feeling of strong eagerness (usually in favor of a person or cause). <i>His <b>zeal</b> for privatization.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Longing" as a noun

- *Miranda felt a wistful longing for the old days.*
- *A tale of love and longing.*



## Longing as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Longing" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "longing" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Having or showing a yearning desire.*



## Synonyms of "Longing" as an adjective (6 Words)

- avid** (often followed by `for') ardently or excessively desirous.  
*An **avid** ambition to succeed.*
- covetous** Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth.  
*She fingered the linen with **covetous** hands.*
- desirous** Having or characterized by desire.  
*The Pope was **desirous** of peace in Europe.*
- hungry** Having a strong desire or craving.  
*A party **hungry** for power.*
- thirsty** Able to take in large quantities of moisture.  
*She s not even looking at you Stop being so **thirsty**.*
- yearning** Involving or expressing yearning.  
*A **yearning** hope.*



## Usage Examples of "Longing" as an adjective

- *Her longing eyes.*



## Associations of "Longing" (30 Words)

- ambition** Have as one's ambition.  
*His **ambition** is to own his own business.*
- aspiration** The act of inhaling; the drawing in of air (or other gases) as in breathing.  
*The needs and **aspirations** of the people.*
- aspire** Rise high; tower.  
*We never thought that we might **aspire** to those heights.*
- bygone** Past events to be put aside.  
***Bygone** days.*
- covet** Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person).  
*I **covet** one of their smart bags.*
- craving** An intense desire for some particular thing.  
*A **craving** for chocolate.*

<b>desire</b>	Express a desire for. <i>They were clinging together in fierce <b>desire</b>.</i>
<b>despair</b>	The complete loss or absence of hope. <i>In <b>despair</b> I hit the bottle.</i>
<b><u>desperation</u></b>	A state in which all hope is lost or absent. <i>She wrote to him in <b>desperation</b>.</i>
<b><u>eagerly</u></b>	With eagerness; in an eager manner. <i>Original illustrations are <b>eagerly</b> sought by collectors.</i>
<b><u>expect</u></b>	Consider obligatory request and expect. <i>One might <b>expect</b> that Hollywood would adjust its approach.</i>
<b>fatigue</b>	A reduction in the efficiency of a muscle or organ after prolonged activity. <i>They were <b>fatigued</b> by their journey.</i>
<b>hankering</b>	A yearning for something or to do something. <i>A <b>hankering</b> for family life.</i>
<b>homesick</b>	Experiencing a longing for one's home during a period of absence from it. <i>He was <b>homesick</b> for America after five weeks in Europe.</i>
<b>homesickness</b>	A longing to return home. <i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of <b>homesickness</b>.</i>
<b><u>hunger</u></b>	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards <b>hungered</b>.</i>
<b>infatuation</b>	An object of extravagant short-lived passion. <i>The thrill of <b>infatuation</b>.</i>
<b><u>insatiable</u></b>	Of a person having an insatiable appetite or desire for something especially sex. <i>An <b>insatiable</b> demand for old buildings to restore.</i>
<b><u>long</u></b>	Long dated securities especially gilts. <i>A <b>long</b> game.</i>
<b><u>miss</u></b>	Fail to see or have a meeting with (someone). <i>She <b>missed</b> his point.</i>
<b><u>nostalgia</u></b>	Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia. <i>I was overcome with acute <b>nostalgia</b> for my days at university.</i>
<b>oldie</b>	An old song, film, or television programme that is still well known or popular. <i>Collections of pop <b>oldies</b>.</i>
<b><u>starve</u></b>	Be hungry; go without food. <i>The Royalists were <b>starved</b> out after eleven days.</i>



<b>thirst</b>	A feeling of needing or wanting to drink something. <i>A <b>thirst</b> for knowledge.</i>
<b><u>unquenchable</u></b>	Impossible to quench. <i>His enthusiasm was <b>unquenchable</b>.</i>
<b><u>unrequited</u></b>	(of a feeling, especially love) not returned. <i>He s been pining with <b>unrequited</b> love.</i>
<b>want</b>	Hunt or look for want for a particular reason. <i>You shall <b>want</b> for nothing while you are with me.</i>
<b>weariness</b>	Reluctance to see or experience any more of something. <i>Growing war <b>weariness</b>.</i>
<b><u>yearn</u></b>	Have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from. <i>No fellow spirit <b>yearned</b> towards her.</i>
<b>yearning</b>	Involving or expressing yearning. <i>He felt a <b>yearning</b> for the mountains.</i>

