

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.*

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

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

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

