

Need another word that means the same as “wishful”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “wishful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Wishful” are: desirous, aspirant, aspiring, yearning, hungry, thirsty, avid, covetous

Wishful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Wishful" as an adjective

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

- *Based on impractical wishes rather than facts.*
- *Having or expressing desire for something.*
- *Having or expressing a desire or hope for something to happen.*
- *Desiring or striving for recognition or advancement.*



Synonyms of "Wishful" as an adjective (8 Words)

- aspirant** Having ambitions to achieve something, typically to follow a particular career.
*An **aspirant** politician.*
- aspiring** Desiring or striving for recognition or advancement.
*An **aspiring** artist.*
- avid** (often followed by `for') ardently or excessively desirous.
*An **avid** reader of science fiction.*
- covetous** Having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else.
*He was never **covetous** before he met her.*
- desirous** Having or expressing desire for something.
***Desirous** of high office.*
- hungry** Feeling hunger; feeling a need or desire to eat food.
*I was feeling ravenously **hungry**.*
- thirsty** Feeling a need to drink something.
*Encouragement is as water to a **thirsty** plant.*
- yearning** Involving or expressing yearning.
*A **yearning** hope.*



Usage Examples of "Wishful" as an adjective

- *Without resources the proposed measures were merely wishful thinking.*
- *I had heard the same wishful tone over the phone.*



Associations of "Wishful" (30 Words)

- auspice** A favorable omen.
- bid** Make a statement during the auction undertaking to make a certain number of tricks with a stated suit as trumps if the bid is successful and one becomes the declarer.
***Bid** farewell.*
- blessedness** A state of supreme happiness.
- covet** Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person).
*I **covet** one of their smart bags.*
- covetous** Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages.
*She fingered the linen with **covetous** hands.*
- crave** Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.
*I must **crave** your indulgence.*
- desideratum** Something that is needed or wanted.
*Integrity was a **desideratum**.*
- desire** Something desired.
*A man of many **desires**.*
- desperate** Desperately determined.
*Helpless and **desperate** as if at the end of his tether.*

destiny	The ultimate agency regarded as predetermining the course of events (often personified as a woman). <i>He believed in destiny.</i>
envious	Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages. <i>I m envious of their happiness.</i>
envy	A person or thing that inspires envy. <i>I envy Jane her happiness.</i>
fate	Decree or designate beforehand. <i>Deserved a better fate.</i>
foreordination	Being determined in advance; especially the doctrine (usually associated with Calvin) that God has foreordained every event throughout eternity (including the final salvation of mankind).
fortunate	Materially well off; prosperous. <i>Fortunate son.</i>
fortunately	By good fortune. <i>Fortunately the weather was good.</i>
fortune	A surprisingly high price or amount of money. <i>Some malicious act of fortune keeps them separate.</i>
grasping	Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. <i>The lecture was beyond his most strenuous graspings.</i>
hope	A specific instance of feeling hopeful. <i>In spite of his troubles he never gave up hope.</i>
hopefully	With hope; in a hopeful manner. <i>He rode on hopefully.</i>
jealous	Feeling or showing a resentful suspicion that one's partner is attracted to or involved with someone else. <i>The men were proud of their achievements and jealous of their independence.</i>
luck	Success or failure apparently brought by chance rather than through one's own actions. <i>They say luck is a lady.</i>
lucky	Presaging or likely to bring good luck. <i>You had a very lucky escape.</i>
miraculous	Remarkable and bringing very welcome consequences. <i>I felt amazed and grateful for our miraculous escape.</i>
promise	Promise to undertake or give. <i>I ve been promised to him for years.</i>

- superstition** Excessively credulous belief in and reverence for the supernatural.
*She touched her locket for luck a **superstition** she d had since childhood.*
- tallow** Smear something especially the bottom of a boat with tallow.
*I **tallowed** my boats with our candles.*
- want** Hunt or look for want for a particular reason.
*If anyone **wants** out there s the door.*
- wishing** A specific feeling of desire.
*He was above all **wishing** and desire.*
- zeal** A feeling of strong eagerness (usually in favor of a person or cause).
*They disliked his **zeal** in demonstrating his superiority.*

