

Need another word that means the same as “yearn”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “yearn” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Yearn” are: ache, languish, pine, yen, hanker, long, crave, desire, want, want badly, wish, feel a longing, have a longing, covet, lust, pant, hunger, thirst, be aching, itch, be itching**

## Yearn as a Verb

### Definitions of "Yearn" as a verb

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

- *Have affection for; feel tenderness for.*
- *Desire strongly or persistently.*
- *Have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from.*
- *Be filled with compassion or warm feeling.*
- *Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.*



## Synonyms of "Yearn" as a verb (21 Words)

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| <b>ache</b>           | Be the source of pain.<br><i>She <b>ached</b> for a cigarette.</i>   |
| <b>be aching</b>      | Form or compose.   |
| <b>be itching</b>     | Be identical to; be someone or something.  |
| <b>covet</b>          | Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person).<br><i>She <b>covets</b> her sister s house.</i> |
| <b>crave</b>          | Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.<br><i>I must <b>crave</b> your indulgence.</i>                                    |
| <b>desire</b>         | Feel or have a desire for want strongly.<br><i>He never achieved the status he so <b>desired</b>.</i>                            |
| <b>feel a longing</b> | Perceive by a physical sensation, e.g., coming from the skin or muscles.   |
| <b>hanker</b>         | Feel a strong desire for or to do something.<br><i>She <b>hankered</b> to go back.</i>   |
| <b>have a longing</b> | Go through (mental or physical states or experiences).   |
| <b>hunger</b>         | Feel or suffer hunger.<br><i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards <b>hungered</b>.</i>                   |
| <b>itch</b>           | Of a person experience an itch.<br><i>She is <b>itching</b> to start the project.</i>  |
| <b>languish</b>       | Assume a sentimentally tender or melancholy expression or tone.<br><i>She still <b>languished</b> after Richard.</i>             |
| <b>long</b>           | Desire strongly or persistently.   |
| <b>pant</b>           | Utter while panting as if out of breath.<br><i>He was <b>panting</b> when he reached the top.</i>                                |
| <b>pine</b>           | Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.   |
| <b>thirst</b>         | Feel the need to drink.<br><i>An opponent <b>thirsting</b> for revenge.</i>  |
| <b>want</b>           | Hunt or look for want for a particular reason.<br><i>I <b>want</b> my own room.</i>  |
| <b>want badly</b>     | Have need of.  |
| <b>wish</b>           | Order politely express a wish for.<br><i>We <b>wished</b> for peace.</i>   |
| <b>yen</b>            | Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.   |



## Usage Examples of "Yearn" as a verb

- *She yearned for a glimpse of him.*
- *They yearned to go home.*
- *No fellow spirit yearned towards her.*



## Associations of "Yearn" (30 Words)

- ambition** Have as one's ambition.  
*Her **ambition** was to become a pilot.*
- aspiration** The act of inhaling; the drawing in of air (or other gases) as in breathing.  
*There is no **aspiration** if the syllable begins with s.*
- aspire** Rise high; tower.  
*Above the domes of loftiest mosques these pinnacles **aspire**.*
- covet** Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person).  
*She **covets** her sister's house.*
- crave** Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.  
*If only she had shown her daughter the love she **craved**.*
- craving** An intense desire for some particular thing.  
*A **craving** for chocolate.*

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| <b>desideratum</b>  | Something that is needed or wanted.<br><i>Integrity was a <b>desideratum</b>.</i>   |
| <b>desire</b>       | Something desired.<br><i>John spake unto him and <b>desired</b> him in like manner and contestation as before.</i>                                    |
| <b>desperation</b>  | Desperate recklessness.<br><i>She wrote to him in <b>desperation</b>.</i>   |
| <b>eagerly</b>      | With eagerness; in an eager manner.<br><i>Original illustrations are <b>eagerly</b> sought by collectors.</i>   |
| <b>hanker</b>       | Feel a strong desire for or to do something.<br><i>She <b>hankered</b> to go back.</i>  |
| <b>hankering</b>    | A strong desire to have or do something.<br><i>He had a <b>hankering</b> to return to Scotland.</i>   |
| <b>homesick</b>     | Longing to return home.<br><i>He was <b>homesick</b> for America after five weeks in Europe.</i>  |
| <b>homesickness</b> | A longing to return home.<br><i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of <b>homesickness</b>.</i>  |
| <b>hunger</b>       | Feel or suffer hunger.<br><i><b>Hunger</b> for affection.</i>   |
| <b>insatiable</b>   | Of a person having an insatiable appetite or desire for something especially sex.<br><i>An <b>insatiable</b> demand for old buildings to restore.</i> |
| <b>interminable</b> | Tiresomely long; seemingly without end.<br><i>We got bogged down in <b>interminable</b> discussions.</i>  |
| <b>lengthen</b>     | Make or become longer.<br><i>The mascara will <b>lengthen</b> your lashes.</i>  |
| <b>long</b>         | Of relatively long duration.<br><i>He couldn't wait any <b>longer</b>.</i>  |
| <b>longing</b>      | Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.<br><i>Miranda felt a wistful <b>longing</b> for the old days.</i>   |
| <b>pine</b>         | A pineapple.<br><i><b>Pine</b> potpourri.</i>   |
| <b>protracted</b>   | Relatively long in duration tediously protracted.<br><i><b>Protracted</b> negotiations.</i>   |
| <b>sabbatical</b>   | Relating to a sabbatical.<br><i>She s away on <b>sabbatical</b>.</i>  |

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| <b><u>starve</u></b>       | Deprive of something necessary.<br><i>The arts are being <b>starved</b> of funds.</i>                       |
| <b>thirst</b>              | A strong desire for something.<br><i>They quenched their <b>thirst</b> with spring water.</i>               |
| <b><u>unquenchable</u></b> | Impossible to quench.<br><i>His enthusiasm was <b>unquenchable</b>.</i>                                     |
| <b><u>unrequited</u></b>   | (of a feeling, especially love) not returned.<br><i><b>Unrequited</b> unanswered love.</i>                  |
| <b>want</b>                | Feel or have a desire for want strongly.<br><i>The wheel <b>wants</b> greasing.</i>                         |
| <b>weariness</b>           | Extreme tiredness; fatigue.<br><i><b>Weariness</b> overcame her after twelve hours and she fell asleep.</i> |
| <b>yearning</b>            | Involving or expressing yearning.<br><i>He felt a <b>yearning</b> for the mountains.</i>                    |

