

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)

ache	Be the source of pain. <i>She ached for a cigarette.</i>
be aching	Form or compose.
be itching	Be identical to; be someone or something.
covet	Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person). <i>She covets her sister's house.</i>
crave	Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for. <i>I must crave your indulgence.</i>
desire	Feel or have a desire for want strongly. <i>He never achieved the status he so desired.</i>
feel a longing	Perceive by a physical sensation, e.g., coming from the skin or muscles.
hanker	Feel a strong desire for or to do something. <i>She hankered to go back.</i>
have a longing	Go through (mental or physical states or experiences).
hunger	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards hungered.</i>
itch	Of a person experience an itch. <i>She is itching to start the project.</i>
languish	Assume a sentimentally tender or melancholy expression or tone. <i>She still languished after Richard.</i>
long	Desire strongly or persistently.
pant	Utter while panting as if out of breath. <i>He was panting when he reached the top.</i>
pine	Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.
thirst	Feel the need to drink. <i>An opponent thirsting for revenge.</i>
want	Hunt or look for want for a particular reason. <i>I want my own room.</i>
want badly	Have need of.
wish	Order politely express a wish for. <i>We wished for peace.</i>
yen	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. <i>Her ambition was to become a pilot.</i>
<u>aspiration</u>	The act of inhaling; the drawing in of air (or other gases) as in breathing. <i>There is no aspiration if the syllable begins with s.</i>
<u>aspire</u>	Rise high; tower. <i>Above the domes of loftiest mosques these pinnacles aspire.</i>
<u>covet</u>	Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person). <i>She covets her sister's house.</i>
<u>crave</u>	Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for. <i>If only she had shown her daughter the love she craved.</i>
<u>craving</u>	An intense desire for some particular thing. <i>A craving for chocolate.</i>

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

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

